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## Chinese businessman missing

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A Chinese businessman who went spear fishing at the Banzai Cliff area in Marpi on Monday night has been reported missing.

Saipan Tribune learned that Jian Zhu Deng, 52, manager of the family-owned Deng Shi Auto Shop in Garapan, had not returned home as of yesterday but his car has been recovered. The Department of



Deng

» **Man reportedly left home to go fishing; car recovered at Banzai Cliff area**

Public Safety's Boating Section Unit launched yesterday a search and rescue operation.

Acting DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong confirmed Deng's disappearance and the ongoing search and rescue operation. Tarkong said they will issue a press release about the incident.

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Teary-eyed Fuwen Zhang points to her husband Jian Zhu Deng's Nissan Pathfinder that they found parked at the Banzai Cliff area in Marpi yesterday morning. Deng reportedly went fishing alone on Monday night and has not returned home. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

### More than 5K junior high, high school students go back to school

» **About 207 teachers in middle schools and high schools**

» **From Kinder to 5th grade, classes start Sept. 14, Head Start begins Sept. 21**

» **All junior, high schools confirm first day ran smoothly**

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

Roughly 5,072 students attended their first day of classes for school year 2015-2016 yesterday, according to principals of public middle schools and high schools in the Commonwealth.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan told Saipan Tribune, though, that the numbers are expected to grow in the next few weeks.

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Public School System Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, left, is accompanied by one staff of Chacha Oceanview Junior High School yesterday morning, as part of her assessment on the first day of schools if all operations were running smoothly. JAYSON CAMACHO

## Inos, Kilili renew push for food stamps, FEMA aid to CW workers

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Commonwealth government officials continued yesterday a unified push for the federal government to grant additional food stamp funding for Typhoon Soudelor victims, as well

as to reconsider a position that rules out contract workers from receiving disaster relief aid.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have found contract workers ineligible for individual disaster assistance.

Regional Food and Nutrition Ser-

vice officials also denied last month the government's request to expand food stamp guidelines to allow the use of about \$6.5 million in "disaster" nutritional assistance funds. The officials instead allowed an amount of \$1 million on Aug. 11. A week later, the of-

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# Local

## Shelters close down

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Long-term shelters for victims of Typhoon Soudelor were officially closed down yesterday, nearly six weeks after the typhoon made a direct hit on Saipan.

According to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laura Ogumoro, Sept. 8 was their official date of closure.

"This is the longest we've had. It's a major disaster, it's expected that shelters will be open for longer durations," Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ogumoro said the evacuees were informed since last week that shelters at the Office of Aging in China Town and the Kag-

man Community Center will be closed yesterday.

The Arts Council Office on Capital Hill first closed as a shelter last week.

"They started moving out over the weekend," she said.

Many of the evacuees were assisted by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority in moving out.

From about 122 individuals, the number of evacuees dropped to about 28 individuals yesterday—most of them already getting ready to leave.

Among those who *Saipan Tribune* caught up with while packing their belongings at the

Office of Aging yesterday was Kyle Omengkar, a resident of Garapan.

"We don't have anything now. We don't have a place to stay. We have a tent but we'll check some family who are close by," Omengkar said.

He said they were advised about the closure of the shelter, though it is "not really okay."

"[I'm] not really okay with it but this is what we have to do," he added.

Unlike

Omengkar, whose worries were plainly written on his face, other evacuees were actually anxious to go home, Ogumoro said.

"There's been mixed reactions with leaving the shelters. At the same time, you know

we're trying to be very sensitive to their welfare and their plight. We're not going to leave them out in the cold but we will assist them in the transition. If they cannot absolutely find a place to stay, then perhaps we will reconsider but we will help in the transitioning," Ogumoro said.

She pointed out that evacuees who have special needs will still be accommodated. Those staying at KCC will be transferred to the Aging Office.

"Those that are challenged with some health problems [and] special needs will be accommodated further until they are able to find alternative housing," Ogumoro said.

About two families in the Aging Office and around six individuals from KCC have special needs. They don't have to be hospitalized but need power for their equipment as well as air-conditioning.

"The rest will have to go

home. I know most of them are FEMA-assisted already. I know some of them are looking or have located rental places," Ogumoro said.

She said it is advisable for people to start putting their lives back together and getting things back to normal.

"We've got to start somewhere. We can't just sit and make things happen. We've got to make them happen," Ogumoro said.

» **Shelterees with special needs will still be accommodated**

## AG opinion sought to break budget impasse

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The bicameral conference committee debating two different versions of the fiscal year 2016 budget recessed yesterday to await an opinion from the CNMI Attorney General on the Senate's proposed use of earmarked funds set outside the pot of funds made subject to appropriations by Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

The House of Representatives maintained their position yesterday that the Senate's appropriation of funds set aside for the Marianas Visitor Authority is unconstitutional.

Senators, likewise, submitted a memo to their counterparts that reaffirmed their legal standing on the matter.

In effect, the Senate and House maintained their posi-

tions from last Thursday, when the budget conference first met.

Lawmakers have about three weeks to resolve their budget differences and settle on a budget for Inos' approval before the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

House budget conference chair Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) opened discussion yesterday, saying it was necessary to resolve their differences on the reallocation of earmarked funds.

Senators propose to direct MVA to move about \$2.5 million from their earmarked funds to assist other government agencies with utilities and equipment expenses, among others.

Sablan said all other items in the conference committee session are "secondary" to resolving these differences.

Sablan said they maintaining

that the Senate's provisions in the budget are unconstitutional.

To this, Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Senate conference chairman, said the Senate remains firm in their position, sharing with House lawmakers copies of a "legal analysis" of their position and pushing for a closed-door session to discuss the issue.

House lawmakers asked for a recess to read and review the Senate memo.

After the recess, Sablan told senators that if they did not object, he had prepared a draft letter to the CNMI Attorney General to seek his position on the matter.

"We have an impasse because our legal counsels are telling us differently," Sablan said at one point in the ensuing discussion.

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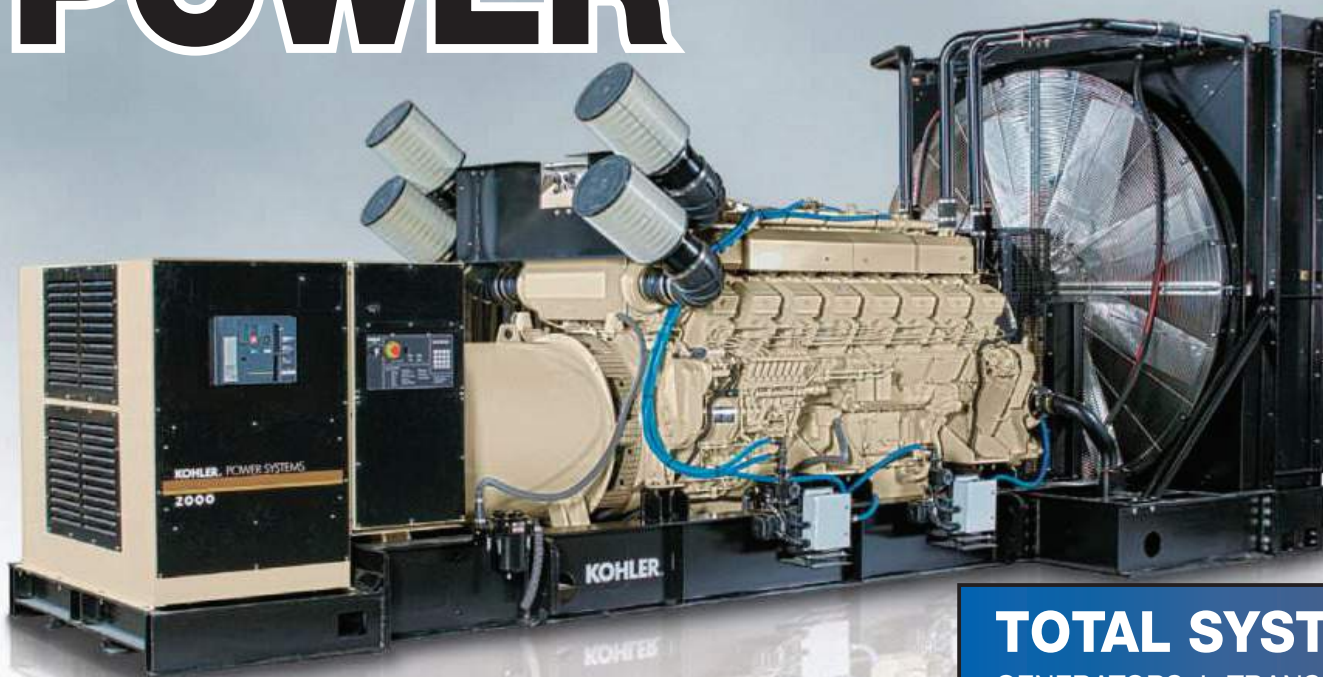
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# TCGCC says it did not close Tinian Dynasty down

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The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission said it is merely doing its job and shouldn't be blamed for the impending closure of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino later this month.

"While the commission understands the concerns of the Tinian leadership about the closure of the Dynasty, the commission is also very cognizant of its responsibility of ensuring that only suitable persons are given a casino license," said TCGCC executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita.

According to her, "the people of Tinian declared the following public policy: An integral and essential element of the regulation and control of casino facilities rests in the public confidence and trust in the credibility and integrity of the regulatory process and of casino operations—Gaming Act Public Policy No. 5."

She said this means that until the suitability investigations are conducted and unless applicants are found suitable as per the Gaming Act, no casino license can be issued.

"We take our responsibility very seriously as we must ensure the integrity of the industry, the integrity of the persons and companies who will be operating a casino and the integrity of casino operations and the regulatory process," she said.

Maratita said the integrity component is crucial especially in light of the history of the casino industry on Tinian, such as the criminal charges brought against the casino, the \$75 million FinCEN fine, and delays in paying employees' salaries, among others.

"The commission stands firm that it will do what it can to expeditiously process Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd./TEC's casino license application but will not compromise the strict regulatory process that must be adhered to," she said.

Maratita also confirmed a Sept. 7 statement from the Tinian Mayor's Office that Tinian Entertainment Co.'s casino license is substantially complete.

She pointed out, though, that more still needs to be done.

Before a suitability review commences, TEC's application has to be deemed complete, Maratita said. At this point the application has been deemed substantially complete as of Sept. 4, 2015.

TCGCC pointed out in a statement that TEC and Chinese Strategic applications were supposed to submit their casino license application on Aug. 24 this year, but instead submitted it on Sept. 3, while documents that were required on Sept. 4 are still pending as of Monday, Sept. 7.

"At this point, if the applicants comply and pay the in-

vestigative fees by the deadline of Sept. 9 [today], investigators will be able to conduct their interviews of the applicants and review all necessary records of the entities in Hong Kong this month. Once TCGCC receives the investigators' preliminary report, and if the applicants are found suitable by TCGCC based on that preliminary report, Chinese Strategic and TEC will be given an interim casino authorization while suitability is being completed," Maratita said.

She noted that if at the end of all the suitability review—including a review of company's business plan, financial ability, ability to successfully operate a casino with integrity, among others—TCGCC finds that all parties are "suitable" under the requirements of the Gaming Act, then they will be granted a casino license.

## TCGCC explains position on Dynasty

The TCGCC statement also stated: "Much has been rumored as to the reason why the casino at the Dynasty was closed or why the entire property may be closing. Much blame has been placed on TCGCC."

"This blame has been the result of much misinformation and lack of understanding on the role of the commission versus the role of politicians. The public has

been misled by the politicians' lack of understanding of the true nature of the job of regulating the casino industry."

"Let's start with basic truths—Mega Stars and Hong Kong Ent. president Wai Chan have never been authorized to operate the casino. And that if the applicants have all been cooperative with the commission from the very beginning, the casino license or the interim casino authorization could have been issued over a year ago, assuming they would have been found 'suitable,'" TCGCC stated.

TCGCC says that on April 25, 2013, when federal agents raided the Dynasty on its 15th anniversary, it happened because it did not follow federal laws.

"They did not file Cash Transaction Reports and Suspicious Activity Reports. The raid is not the commission's fault because federal law enforcement is the job of the feds. As a result of this raid, the company and two of its employees were indicted, resulting in plea agreements, a settlement agreement, millions of dollars in penalties, and the largest FinCEN fine ever imposed on a casino,"

"Shortly after this raid, in July 2013, to be exact, Mega Stars and Chan came to the commission and told us they wanted to invest in the Dynasty. The commission was very receptive to

the new investors, especially at a time when the Dynasty was nine payrolls behind in salaries," TCGCC explained.

Mega Stars and Chan were told "...before they invest in the Dynasty, they must comply with the Gaming Act, they must submit an application for a casino license, they must be found suitable, they must pay required fees and then, only if they meet the suitability requirements under the Gaming Act will they be allowed to invest and participate in the casino."

TCGCC continued to give the message, "yet they went ahead and started pumping money into the Dynasty." Chan then became president and chairman of HKE. From July 2013 until April 30, 2014, Chan refused to submit needed applications and refused to cooperate.

It failed to meet requirements because it insisted on revising TCGCC's forms. In May 2014, TCGCC returned the application and fees to HKE. HKE re-submitted an acceptable application on June 2, 2014. "Their application was not complete... additional documents other than initial filings are usually required."

"It became very evident there were other entities and persons involved in the Dynasty deal. It is here at this juncture, in latter part of 2014, when the involvement of Chinese Strategic Hold-

ings and its subsidiaries, TEC, surfaced."

TCGCC learned about it and their involvement without approval of TCGCC, and were told to submit their casino license applications.

In February 2015, Chan informed the commission that he didn't wish to proceed with the acquisition of the Dynasty. "He refused to respond to inquiries, refused to cooperate, refused to submit any more documents or information, and refused to pay fees due in order to continue his suitability investigations."

Chinese Strategic and TEC finally submitted their applications in February 2015. "However, because since mid-2013, the parties had been entering into various agreements, it became obvious that much work

was needed to review all the agreements in order to determine if they would be acceptable by the commission."

The Gaming Act requires this before anyone enters into any agreement involving the casino. "There also came an enormous amount of instruments, agreements, and leases that were executed, ignoring basic tenet of the Gaming Act—the suitability requirement—that one must be found suitable 'before' one is allowed to manage, influence or control a casino on Tinian.

"Yet from time Chinese Strategic and TEC submitted their applications, even though the applications were far from being deemed complete, they set unreasonable deadlines for issuance of their casino license. They wanted the casino license without even going through the suitability review.

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6	\$100	Joseph Nekaifes	288-1093
<b>Rota</b>			
7	\$100	None	None
<b>Saipan</b>			
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9	\$100	Victoria Ogumoro	322-5346

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<b>Tinian</b>			
12	\$50	Belinda Cabrera	286-5237
<b>Saipan</b>			
13	\$50	Anicka Babauta	285-5472
14	\$50	John Laniyo	989-5625
<b>Rota</b>			
15	\$50	None	None

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## Tickets for Las Vegas Night now being sold

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REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Saipan has started selling tickets for their signature fundraising event, Las Vegas Night.

The event will be held on Halloween night at Saipan World Resort.

“This particular fundraiser goes to assist in community service projects,” Rotary club president Curtis Dancoe said.

He said these projects will

include their Typhoon Soudelor relief and recovery funds.

One project that Rotary Club has already lined up is to purchase school supplies such as composition notebooks, pens,

### » Club aims to raise funds for school supplies donation

pencils as well as hand sanitizers for the students of the Public School System.

Dancoe said they are targeting to accommodate over 10,000 students and should be able to do so by November.

“To get materials enough for all the students, we do need to

reach out to wholesalers and stuff. Once we get the funds in for that, we’re going to be seeking that,” Dancoe said.

Even though classes will start soon for various schools, Dancoe said supplies can be used all year long. Las Vegas Night tickets cost \$5 apiece, and a book of five tickets costs \$20.

The Rotary Club of Saipan also received donations from the other Rotary Clubs: Tokyo-Hachioji, Pago-Pago, and Stafford-Virginia worth \$5,200 to be used in their back-to-school project.

## AG

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After further discussion debating points in the Senate’s budget provisions, the Senate agreed to let the House seek an opinion from the attorney general, and adjourned the meeting.

### The Senate memo

The Senate acknowledges that a budget bill shall be limited to the “subject of appropriations,” but say that “appropriation” is neither defined in the Constitution nor the proposed budget bill.

The Senate states that all three provisions inserted by the Senate that invoked “notwithstanding clauses” to appropriate earmarked funds were acts of appropriation.

Citing “Black’s Law Dictionary,” the Senate defined appropriation as an act “authorizing the expenditure of public moneys and stipulating the amount, manner, and purpose of the various items of expenditure.”

The Senate said there provisions did not violate the one subject rule set by the NMI Constitution.

The Senate believes that any constitutional challenge on a supposed violation on their part would be “fruitless” because such challenge could not be declared unconstitutional or constitutional by the court.

Appropriation bills are not subject to judicial review.

The legislative responsibility to set the budget bill is set by the Constitution and not subject to judicial review.

The Senate called it “ludicrous” if Senate provisions are made law and MVA choose not to follow the provisions because the agency thinks it is unconstitutional.

“If the court cannot declare a violation of the one subject rule unconstitutional, what authority does the MVA have to declare a violation of said rule unconstitutional? The MVA has no authority whatsoever to ignore an enacted law, let alone declare it unconstitutional,” the Senate memo states, referring also to email from MVA last week stating its belief that the Senate’s action violates the Constitution.

## SCHOOL

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“We’ll probably have bigger numbers in the upcoming weeks for the middle and junior high student enrollment. With Typhoon Soudelor, there are probably still some that haven’t registered or have yet to attend school. So the numbers will increase,” Sablan said, while doing an assessment yesterday morning at Kagman High School.

She noted that all three public high schools—Kagman, Marianas, and Saipan Southern high schools—as well as all five middle schools—San Antonio, Tanapag, Dandan, Hopwood, and Chacha Oceanview—are now all open.

“Because of the difficulties from Typhoon Soudelor and the power and water is not in full operation, all of the schools that are open now will be open for half day,” Sablan said.

Classes in middle and high schools start at 8am and end at 12pm.

Public School System principals and other school administrators interviewed said the first day of classes ran smoothly.

Of the 5,000-plus students so far, MHS has the largest number of students as of yesterday with 1,530.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera said 435 of these students are freshmen.

KHS principal Leila Staffler reported a total of 640 students, with a little over 200 freshmen. SSHS associate school leader Jonathan Aguon said they have a total of 933 students.

“There were new enrollees this morning so the numbers went up,” Aguon said.

SSHS principal Martha Kintol said they have about 270 freshmen so far.

Among middle schools, Hopwood has the highest number of students as of yesterday, with 895 enrolled. Principal Jonas Barcinas said this was just the first day and the number is expected to grow.

“We’re anticipating an increase within the next two weeks,” he said.

Dandan Middle School has 352 students so far, according to principal Lynn Mendiola. She also expects the number to go up.

San Antonio had a total of 293 as of yesterday, according to associate school leader Carla Sablan.

Vince Dela Cruz, principal of

Chacha Oceanview, said they have a total of 260 students.

Commissioner Sablan said her initial visit at Tanapag showed that the school has the lowest population of all schools that are now open, with only 169 students.

PSS counted more than 207 teachers as of yesterday. These included regular classroom teachers, vocational and physical education teachers, leadership corps teachers, and/or special education teachers.

Tanapag has more than 10 teachers, according to Sablan. Dandan had a total of 20. Mendiola said that they are full capacity with teachers but are still waiting for special education aides.

San Antonio Elementary has 12 teachers. Principal James Sablan said they now have a full complement.

Chacha Oceanview has 14. Dela Cruz said they are missing one leadership corps teacher at the moment.

Hopwood has a total of 43 teachers—a full complement.

KHS has 31 teachers. Staffler noted that three of them are KHS alumni. KHS is still looking for two positions to be filled.

MHS had 45 teachers. Cabrera noted that the school had

enough teachers at the moment. SSHS had 32. Aguon said they are still looking to fill one post—a career technical education teacher.

### Other school matters

Besides a few shortages of teachers, power and water was the primary problem of some schools. Tanapag and MHS are the only schools that had no power as of yesterday, while water is a minor problem at Tanapag, Kagman High, and Chacha Oceanview, with water running on limited hours.

Dandan, Hopwood, Saipan Southern, San Antonio, and Kagman High had adequate power yesterday. Power at Chacha Oceanview was still a work in progress as of yesterday.

With no definite timeline yet on when full power and water supplies will be restored throughout the island, Sablan said there isn’t any specific date on when regular classes will resume. As of now, students will be attending half days.

All elementary schools will open next Monday, Sept. 14.

Head Start will be conducting orientations from Sept. 14 to 18 and will begin instruction the following Monday, Sept. 21.

“While not widely known to much of FEMA or USCIS policy makers, the CW program is an important part of our community, and CW visa holders were not spared the damaging effects of Typhoon Soudelor,” Inos wrote last week.

Inos administration officials have said this exclusion of CW workers might be an act of unintended “oversight” by FEMA, or a misunderstanding of a program unique to the CNMI. The CW program is reported to have 10,000 workers living here.

In his letter to USCIS, Sablan said he and Inos share the concern that in recovering from Typhoon Soudelor, “all residents of the Northern Marianas Islands whose lives and homes have been damaged [should] receive every possible form of federal assistance.”

“Our community will only recover fully when every member of the community is needed,” Sablan said.

## CHINESE

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Deng’s wife, Fuwen Zhang, 48, and their 15-year-old daughter, Kathy, told *Saipan Tribune* that Deng left home alone Monday at 6pm to go fishing in Marpi. They said Deng loves fishing and that he is a good swimmer.

The family said Deng would usually return home between 10pm and 11pm.

The wife said she woke up yesterday at 6am to find out that Deng had not returned home. She started to get worried.

After dropping off two of their four children in school, the wife called some friends and then the police.

The wife, accompanied by three friends, searched the Banzai Cliff area where Deng would usually go fishing.

The group later found Deng’s car, a Nissan Pathfinder with license plate ABR 288, parked in the Banzai Cliff area.

The wife said the car was locked and inside were Deng’s pants, shirt, snorkel, shoes, and a bottle filled with water. The wife said they could not find the key so she went back to their house and got the duplicate.

Five to 10 minutes after they

found the car, police arrived at the scene.

The family appealed to DPS to search for Deng. They believe he is still alive as he is a good swimmer and was probably swept out to sea by strong currents.

The family’s auto shop and house were severely damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

Deng arrived in the CNMI in 1991 and has been fishing since 2009 or 2010. Three of the couple’s children were born on Saipan, while the oldest was born in China.

The couple’s oldest child, a daughter, lives in China. Their 18-year-old girl is currently studying in the United States. Their 13-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter live with them on Saipan.

Last Jan. 17, Saipan Fresh Market owner Zhi Yuan Li was reported missing. The following morning, police recovered Li’s Toyota Tacoma pickup truck abandoned on a dirt road located between Ladder Beach and Obyan Beach.

A family member has offered a \$50,000 cash reward to anyone that can provide information leading to the location of the store owner—whether he’s still alive or already dead. Until now, Li remains missing.

### By the numbers

## WORKERS

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officials came back to authorize the CNMI to use the rest of its grant award—estimated at \$3.5 million.

The CNMI has since used up all of these funds when the Disaster Nutritional Assistance Program closed last week, serving the thousands of families who waited for hours in long lines at the local Nutrition Assistance Program office in As Lito. About 7,900 people registered for this disaster aid; about 90 were deemed ineligible.

Delegate Gregorio “Kilili” C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wrote back to Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday in regards to Inos’ request for the congressman’s help in getting disaster aid to CW visa holders and to get more funding for the disaster food assistance.

Inos’ letter to Sablan was sent a day after the DNAP program ended. It supported

Sablan’s earlier call to obtain whatever federal funding the CNMI may need—beyond its yearly program grant—to respond to and aid victims of Typhoon Soudelor.

Sablan told Inos that the Food and Nutritional Service has advised him that it needs to receive from the CNMI a “specific amount of additional funding you anticipate needing.”

“The request should be based on your best estimate of the number of individuals and households you will assist and their project level of benefit during the remainder of the fiscal year,” Sablan wrote.

“This specific request from the Commonwealth is the next step in the process of obtaining supplemental funding,” Sablan said.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco confirmed they are working on this funding request amount, requesting for a figure from the local NAP director yesterday.

As for the concern regarding

contract workers, Sablan attached another letter he wrote to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Sept. 4.

FEMA has informed Sablan that CW workers are not “qualified aliens” as defined by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Because of this, FEMA says they are ineligible to receive federal public benefits, including those provided by FEMA.

“USCIS, however, may have more specialized understanding of the status of CW workers that would allow FEMA to modify its exclusions,” Sablan said, in his letter to USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez.

Sablan’s point on a “specialized understanding” may have been referring to a point Inos made in his letter last week regarding federal officials’ knowledge of the CW program and its place among the various visa classes in the United States.

Understanding was executed between Chinese Strategic, TEC, HKE, and TCGCC on July 1, 2015.

“This MOU specifically requires that the applications pay the license application fees, submit any additional documents or information needed, and then the commission will expedite their application and suitability review process,” TCGCC said.

TCGCC gave an example such as the CNMI Bureau of Motor Vehicles. “BMV will not just hand you a driver’s license; you have to apply, pay the fees, prove that you know how to drive, pass a driver’s written and driving test, pass an eye test, etc. Only if you meet their requirements would you receive a driver’s license,” TCGCC added.

## TCGCC

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“Again, just because an applicant submits the initial application and required information does not mean, ‘that’s it.’ If more documentations were needed, they will have to supply those information.

“Maratita, in conjunction with the investigators, determine what additional documents and information will be needed. The bottom line is, if applicants want to obtain a casino license, they have to comply,” TCGCC said.

In an effort to accommodate the parties’ desire putting the suitability process on a fast-track basis, a Memorandum of



# Manglona: Allowing Dynasty workers to amend suit futile

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The federal court denied yesterday the request of over 500 foreign workers of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino to amend their lawsuit over the denial of their CW-1 visa petitions.

U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that—as stated in her prior decision and order—the workers may re-file their lawsuit once the administrative appeals of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) In-

vestments Ltd.'s petitions on their behalf are completed. HKE owns Tinian Dynasty.

The judge said the workers' proposed first amended complaint suffers from the same jurisdictional defect as their initial complaint.

"Nor have plaintiffs raised substantial legal grounds for the court to reconsider its decision that subject matter jurisdiction is lacking," Manglona said.

Over 500 foreign workers of Tinian Dynasty are suing Department of Homeland Secretary Jeh Johnson, U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS California Service Center Director Kathy A. Baran over USCIS' denial of HKE's 197 CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions involving 693 beneficiaries.

Attorney Bruce Berline filed the lawsuit as counsel for Belal Hossain, Wenli Zhong, Pukar Patel, and 500 unknown co-plaintiffs.

Manglona had dismissed the workers' lawsuit in May, saying the decision to deny HKE's pe-

titions for their foreign workers is not final and that the Administrative Appeals Office is currently reviewing it.

Because HKE's petition denials are not final, the court lacks jurisdiction and must dismiss the case, Manglona said.

The workers, however, are allowed to re-file the lawsuit once the Administrative Appeals Office has issued its decision and the agency's action is final.

The workers then asked to be allowed to file an amended complaint, asserting six claims. In addition to the equal protec-

tion claim asserted in the original complaint, Berline included a claim for an equal protection clause violation arising from USCIS' alleged approval of a visa petition.

Sarah L. Vuong, Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation trial attorney, argued that granting the workers' request to amend their lawsuit would be futile.

Vuong argued that because the plaintiffs' amended complaint does not remedy the fatal flaws of their original complaint, the court should deny their motion for leave to file an amended complaint.

In her order yesterday, Manglona said once the agency action becomes final, the impediment to jurisdiction will be lifted and the complaint may be renewed.

At that time, Manglona said, the court would determine

whether plaintiffs, as beneficiaries of HKE's petitions for CW-1 permits, have standing to challenge their denial.

"But unless and until the procedural change, amendment is futile," she noted.

Manglona said plaintiffs complain that they have not been given an opportunity to be heard "prior to USCIS determining that they must immediately leave the Commonwealth."

However, the judge said, there is no administrative order directed against any of the plaintiffs that the court could stay.

Though USCIS has informed HKE that plaintiffs must depart the U.S. if do not have a valid immigration status, "it has not placed any of the plaintiffs in removal proceedings, or ordered any plaintiff removed, or ordered any plaintiff to depart by a date certain. Thus, plaintiffs cannot make out a due process claim," Manglona said.

## Justices hear Ogomoro petition to stop Wiseman from presiding over his case

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The CNMI Supreme Court heard yesterday a petition filed by former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro that seeks to prevent Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman from presiding over his criminal case for his alleged role in shielding then-attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served with penal summonses in 2012.

The justices also heard Ogomoro's other petition that seeks to prohibit the Superior Court from appointing former Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback as special prosecutor in the case.

Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Associate Justices Pro Tem Robert Torres and Herbert Soll later placed the matter under advisement.

Ogomoro, through counsel Edward Arriola Sr., petitioned the Supreme Court to compel Wiseman to recuse from the case. If not, Ogomoro asked the high court to issue a writ of prohibition to prevent Wiseman from presiding over the case.

Ogomoro's petition argues that Wiseman erred in not recusing himself after making a probable cause determination in support of the arrest warrant for Ogomoro and for engaging in ex parte communications with the special prosecutor.

Ogomoro's request for a writ of prohibition raises the issue whether the trial court erred

in permitting then-OPA legal counsel Hasselback to prosecute this matter without first holding an evidentiary hearing.

At yesterday's hearing, Arriola said his client is facing 15 counts of criminal charges and that only one count is for jury trial.

Arriola argued that Wiseman should have recused from the case because he already made a probable cause determination in issuing the warrant of arrest for Ogomoro.

Arriola said the justice system demands a fair trial and fair tribunal.

"It's the basic principle of justice," he pointed out.

Arriola said the issue is the mindset of a reasonable person, not the mindset of a judge.

"I'm more concerned of the public perception and not the judge's mindset," he said in response to Soll's question.

Arriola agreed with Torres that Wiseman's ruling was not a judgment on the merits, but he added that the judge reasonably believes that Ogomoro committed the offenses.

In the government's opposition, Hasselback said Wiseman only determined probable cause and has not prejudged anyone.

Hasselback said if Arriola's argument is to be followed, the CNMI would have a more expensive justice because more judges are needed since a judge issuing a warrant of arrest can't preside over the trial of that case.

"[The] petition asks this court to punish a sitting judge for undertaking his sworn duty," he said.

Hasselback said he came from a county in the United States where there was only one judge.

"We're lucky here we have five judges," he said.

On the issue of appointing a special prosecutor, Arriola said nothing in the record shows what the Office of the Attorney General did to screen whether any of the government prosecutors at that time were not conflicted to handle the case.

Arriola said there is not enough reason for the court to exercise its discretionary power to appoint a special prosecutor.

"The Attorney General should advise the court that we did this and this," he said.

Arriola said it was fine with Ogomoro for the new AG Edward Manibusan or the new Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas to handle the case and not Hasselback.

Arriola said at this time, there is no need for a special prosecutor because the CNMI has a new elected AG and a new chief prosecutor.

In the government's opposition, Hasselback asserted that it is the AG that determines whether the office is in conflict.

Aside from Ogomoro, the government, through Hasselback, also filed criminal charges against former governor Benigno R. Fitial, Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard Jermaine Joseph W. Nekaifes, Buckingham, former Commonwealth Ports police chief Jordan L. Kosam, and former police captain John T. Rebuenog.

## Foreign persons must report US agricultural land holdings

**HONOLULU, Hawaii**—The head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, Diane Ley, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Ley.

Foreign investors must file

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Ley.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from

agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Hawaii and Pacific Basin State FSA office at 808-541-2600 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>. (**FSA**)



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# D&Q delivers donated luncheon meats to groups, VOAD

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Ten pallets of Black Label Luncheon Loaf worth a total of \$38,000 were turned over yesterday to various groups and organizations to support relief and recovery efforts on Saipan.

The food items, totaling 20,160 cans, was donated by Hormel Foods and coursed through its Saipan distributor, D&Q International.

"This was their initiative," D&Q resident manager Max Kretzers said. "This took a little longer than we wanted because the shipping got kind of delayed. But even though it's a little late, people still need help."

D&Q itself paid for the shipment of the donated luncheon meat, estimated to cost an additional \$3,000.

One pallet, containing 84 cases or 2,016 cans, were donated to the Chinese Association of Saipan at their office yesterday.

"Thank you for this donation from Hormel and D&Q and our president Jerry Tan," association vice president Anna Chan said.

The association has about 50 members, who will handle the distribution of the goods.

"We'll send it out to people as soon as possible," association director Rose Chan said.

Another pallet was turned over to the United Filipino Or-

ganizations through Philippine honorary consul Glicerio "Eli" Arago.

"We are very thankful to D&Q and Hormel Foods. We're very happy that we're considered to be one of the associations that was given one pallet directly," Arago said.

Arago said he delegated the task of distributing the relief items to the UFO as it has the manpower to do so.

UFO president Bong Malasarte said they are scheduled to distribute the luncheon loaf together with other goods this coming weekend.

"Thank you to D&Q, Mr. Max, and to our honorary consul," Malasarte added.

The Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster received four pallets of luncheon loaf at their warehouse at the TSL Complex, which is being manned by members of the

Seventh Day Adventist.

Various non-profits and non-government organizations will be distributing these items to those who need it most.

The rest of the four pallets will be delivered to the Salvation Army today to help with their soup kitchen.

## Roofless homes, upended lives in the wake of Soudelor

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For Tanapag resident Patrick Dowai, the weeks after Typhoon Soudelor have been hard for his wife, who has diabetes, and his five children.

The family compound where he and his family live was devastated, with his house losing its roof to the typhoon. Other houses in the compound similarly lost their roofs. Right now, Dowai is making do with a blue tarp as a temporary roof over their heads.

Dowai said he has already received assistance from the Federal Emergency and Management Agency and their damage has already been assessed. However, he still hasn't received assistance from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

"We still need water, food, all basic needs. My wife has diabetes and we have transportation but it is really difficult. We are still waiting for FEMA's response after they checked our homes," he said.

One of the CNMI's volunteer organizations, Community Outreach Recovery Efforts, discovered that majority of the homes in the compound were damaged, with some of the survivors living in other family's

homes that are still livable.

Like Dowai, Chalan Kiya resident Patricia Kaipata also lost her roof to the typhoon.

"Every time there is a typhoon, we always seek some shelter, so we went to our other family's house in Garapan. ... However, when the typhoon came, the place became very flooded and it wasn't safe anymore there," said Kaipat, who is also a CORE volunteer.

Kaipat said the garage roof blew on top of their car. Later, they sought cover at her work, the Commonwealth Cancer Association along Middle Road, where she stayed with her nephew, son, and daughter. Her other two sons were with her mom in Oleai.

Kaipat has already received assistance but she is also helping relatives who live in Oleai.

"There are about 16 of them and when the roof fell in on their home, they were all under one mattress. The next morning, we immediately went to my mother's home to help. My nephew had to get down off the car and remove debris on the road as we made our way to Oleai," she said.

CORE was able to access these typhoon victims and gave them care packages.



Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago receives one pallet of Hormel Foods' luncheon loaf, which will be distributed to the community by the United Filipino Organization.



D&Q International delivered to the Chinese Association of Saipan in Chinatown yesterday one pallet of Black Label Luncheon Loaf donated by Hormel Foods.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Business Recovery Fair today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a Business Recovery Fair in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency today, Sept. 9, from 10am to 3pm. The event is free to all and will be held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 234-7150 or by sending an email to executive@saipanchamber.com with the names of your attendees. Federal and local agencies, along with many private businesses, will be on

hand to answer questions and to provide information to aid in the recovery and rebuilding of businesses. (SCC)

### Garapan Elementary sets Open House

Garapan Elementary School will be having its Orientation/Open House on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, starting at 2:30pm in the school cafeteria. This Orientation/Open House is intended to inform everyone of the new school schedule, meet teachers and staff, and clarify any questions for the coming school year. (GES)

## Man allegedly tries to steal generator from storage room

A man was caught allegedly trying to steal a generator from a house's storage room in Chalan Piao during a gathering on Thursday night.

Vincent S. Muna, 29, was arrested for burglary and attempted theft.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio increased Muña's bail from \$11,000 cash to \$20,000 cash.

Police reports state that a police officer responded Thursday at 8:37pm to a theft incident at a house near Clean Laundry in Chalan Piao. When the officer

arrived, he saw two men holding Muña in front of a house's garage.

The house's owner told the officer that he and his friend caught Muña trying to steal their generator.

The house's owner showed the officer the generator, which was three feet from the trunk of Muna's Toyota Camry.

During her interview with Muña at the Department of Corrections on Friday, police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated that Muña claimed he was at the Chalan Piao residence to look for a friend.

Muña said he backed up his car toward the house's storage.

Pangelinan said that, according to Muna, when the house's owner found him, he was standing in front of the garage and that the generator was next to his car's trunk.

The house's owner told police that he and his wife had a gathering with friends at their house and that they were using the generator to light up their garage, but he placed it inside the storage room so it won't get wet and be secured.

While in the garage, they noticed the light in the garage was

flickering so his friend went to check the generator in the storage room.

The victim's friend came back and told him to get a flashlight because the generator was missing. They followed the extension cord that was pulled out from the storage room's front door and found the generator still running located three feet behind Muña's car trunk.

The victim said Muña was standing next to the generator.

The victim said he and his wife borrowed the generator from a friend just for that night's gathering. (Ferdie de la Torre)



# Not all mosquito coils are fit for import—BECQ

Many members of the community have imported or requested family and friends from

overseas to send mosquito coils to make sleeping in the heat, without power, more bearable.

However, not all mosquito coils are legal for importation in the CNMI.

To date, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has confiscated a high volume

of mosquito coils imported from foreign countries. The agency is working with the importers and/or consignees to have these items returned to the country of origin.

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Mosquito coils as well as many household products are pesticides and can include kitchen, laundry, and bath disinfectants and sanitizers. Products that kill mold and mildew are also considered pesticides.

Products that may be imported or sold in the CNMI are legal products that are registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are properly labeled in the English language. All pesticides must be labeled with the name of the pesticide in bold letters, restricted use designation, description of which pests are controlled, chemical name of pesticide, active ingredients and percentages, inert ingredients, EPA registration number, patent numbers, directions for proper use, and appropriate signal words such as caution, warning or danger poison. If it is missing any of

these components, it is a misbranded pesticide. Misbranded pesticides also refer to products that bear any statement, design, or graphic representation that is false or misleading. Products cannot be translated and then re-labeled. The label itself must be the original packaging.

The Division of Environmental Quality's Pesticide Management branch is charged with the responsibility to regulate the importation, sale and distribution of pesticides, legal or illegal, to ensure public health and a clean and healthy environment. DEQ staff regularly inspects business establishments for any misbranded products. Should misbranded items be found, all misbranded pesticides will be confiscated and penalties may be assessed.

The CNMI Pesticide Regulations are available to any interested party. Call or visit the Division of Environmental Quality Pesticide Management branch at 664-8512, located along Chalan Pale Arnold at the Gualo Rai Center or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.gov.mp](http://www.deq.gov.mp). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. **(BECQ)**

## Organization aims to help behavioral health network building in the CNMI



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Dr. Jeremy Richards, a psychiatrist who is part of the Chalan Hinemlu, briefs conference participants on the importance of providing a stable network for behavioral health.

The importance of providing a stable network for behavioral health was one of the main topics during a counseling retreat at the Center for Living Independently last Aug. 28.

Dr. Jeremy Richards, a psychiatrist who is part of the Chalan Hinemlu (Healing Pathways) organization, discussed with CLI employees and their patients that developing a behavioral health network in the CNMI is needed.

Chalan Hinemlu is a non-government organization that aims to build a grassroots behavioral health network in the CNMI by developing community integrated behavioral health systems and linking to local systems already here in the CNMI.

Richards said that global partners can help create a sustainable system and partnership with specialists, program developers, and education centers, among others, for peer support.

"The conference was about safe harbor, which we try to reach out to patients with behavioral needs and it is part of the safety and emergency for chronic stress that people are exposed to," said Richards, a former psychiatrist with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center.

"Especially if you have low funding and resources. A lot of these programs are kind of learning as they go and they

don't have a lot of the tools to prevent some of the stress and the training programs really emphasizes the need for this kind of programs," he added.

Due to lack of resources for small programs such as CLI, psychiatrist, specialists, social workers, and any peer support specialist are sometimes unaffordable.

"We can help them develop programs and help direct them to talk to the parent organization that they came from. The idea for a safe harbor is to start a dialogue to reach out on peer counseling. We're trying to work with the communities, something we're developing as a way to address behavioral health concerns," Richards said.

"With this we can find funding for programs and create a stable behavioral health network here on the CNMI," he added.

The benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the CNMI community.



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

### Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.*

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, **until September 17, 2015.**

**One (1) original and five (5) copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"(CUC-RFP-15-021) for 'Engineering Consultant Services'"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

**A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference** will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

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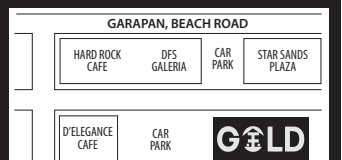
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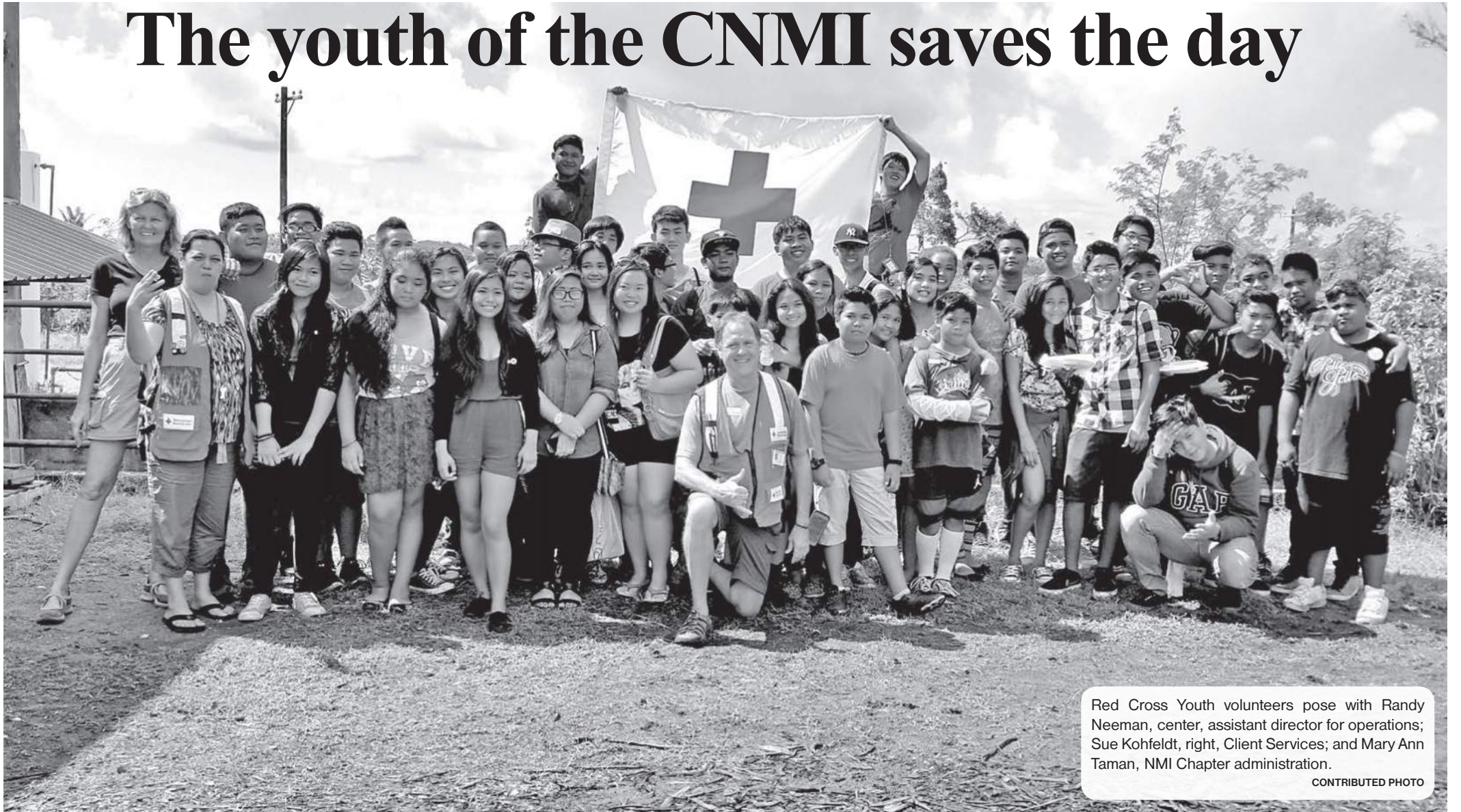
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# The youth of the CNMI saves the day



Red Cross Youth volunteers pose with Randy Neeman, center, assistant director for operations; Sue Kohfeldt, right, Client Services; and Mary Ann Taman, NMI Chapter administration.

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Without the incredible effort of over 150 youth volunteers, the Red Cross would not have been able to help those in need in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

"These kids are our 'superstars' and have been an integral part of our response effort over the past month," said Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Red Cross board chair. "Their willingness

to help others while their own homes were impacted by the storm is a testament to community service and sacrifice for the greater good."

Over the past five weeks,

youth teams have dedicated hundreds of hours of volunteer service. They have worked long hours assisting in case-work, logistics, warehousing, and operations.

For more information about volunteer opportunities and how to help the Red Cross, log

into [www.redcross.org/nmi](http://www.redcross.org/nmi) or find us on Facebook at NMI Chapter. (ARC)

## Mental health volunteers assist with recovery



Mental health volunteers Anne Erhard, Jennifer F. Maratita, and Janet McCullough.

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The American Red Cross continues to provide relief to those affected by Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan. In addition, the Red Cross has provided emotional support and health services in collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center at the shelters, during client home visits, and at the Red Cross NMI Chapter.

The mental health component of the disaster relief effort plays a critical role in providing residents with tools to help

cope with the aftermath as well as providing an opportunity to talk about their experience. Mental health volunteers have also assisted parents to help their children cope following both Typhoon Soudelor and Tropical Storm Goni. The local American Red Cross disaster mental health volunteers were joined by a team of seven Red Cross mental health professionals from the U.S. mainland to assist in providing mental health services.

**Normal reactions to a disaster:**

apathy/depression; nightmares; startled reactions; muscle tremors; sleep disturbance; fatigue; feeling overwhelmed; disorientation; difficulty concentrating; difficulty making decisions; reluctance to abandon property; disbelief; anxiety; moodiness; restlessness; irritability; numbness; guilt; fear; withdrawal; amnesia

If these symptoms last more than a month, it is recommended that you consider seeing a mental health counselor.

**For your mental health survival:** get some rest; allow yourself to cry; don't stay by yourself; stay calm and relaxed; accept help from others; talk about your feelings; notice positives; don't blame; limit decisions to today's needs.

Alcohol or drugs may delay recovery.

Should you or a loved one need assistance with coping in the aftermath of the storms, you can call the Community Guidance Center at 323-6560. (ARC)

## DPH seeks to revive tax for sugar-sweetened drinks

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Non-Communicable Disease Alliance members are now helping consolidate a previous bill from the 18th Legislature that seeks to impose a tax for sugar-sweetened beverages.

The bill, tabled in the previous Legislature, discourages the purchase of sugar-sweetened drinks, which is being blamed for one of the most common NCDs on-island—diabetes.

"This bill is a collaboration between Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) and the NCD Alliance, a community-based organization. Just before the typhoon, the alliance was discussing how best to educate the public on the dangers of sugar-sweetened beverages and the benefits of reduced consumption but we haven't come to a final plan for education," said Kaitlyn Neises, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. DPH's NCD Bureau public health planner.

Ogumoro introduced the bill to tax sugar-sweetened beverages (House Bill 18-34) and called it the Healthcare Impact Tax bill, which sought to stem people's penchant for buying unhealthy foods.

HB 18-34 sought to impose a 150 percent ad valorem tax on tobacco; 70 percent ad valorem tax on alcohol; and 70 percent tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.

However, this new bill that DPH, NCD alliance members, and Ogumoro are proposing is a different bill that would help discourage people from purchasing sugar-sweetened beverages.

According to CHCC's data for 2013 alone, the prevalence rate of diabetes has risen to 81.83 per 1,000 persons alone. Although CHCC has made additional investments by recruiting more internal medicine physicians and reopening its satellite clinics, NCDs is still a problem in the Commonwealth.

In an earlier interview, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said that H.B. 18-34 received many criticisms because of the assumed economic impact on individuals and businesses.

"The struggle that CHCC has in addressing healthcare in the CNMI is a result of the small investment the CNMI makes in health care," Muña said. "CHCC is committed to building a healthy CNMI and educating CNMI residents about the importance of health screenings and promoting prevention and wellness initiatives."

NCD alliance members met in July of this year to discuss the sugar-sweetened beverage tax.

"Unfortunately, Soudelor happened and I don't know where Ogumoro is at in terms of finalizing the bill for introduction in the house," Neises said.



# Businesses continue to support the Red Cross

A number of businesses have stepped up to provide much-needed financial support to the American Red Cross' relief efforts in response to Typhoon Soudelor's widespread damage to the Northern Marianas on Aug. 2.

First Hawaiian Bank donated \$25,000. "First Hawaiian Bank has and continues to be a proud supporter of the American Red Cross," said FHB vice president and Saipan area manager Juan Lizama.

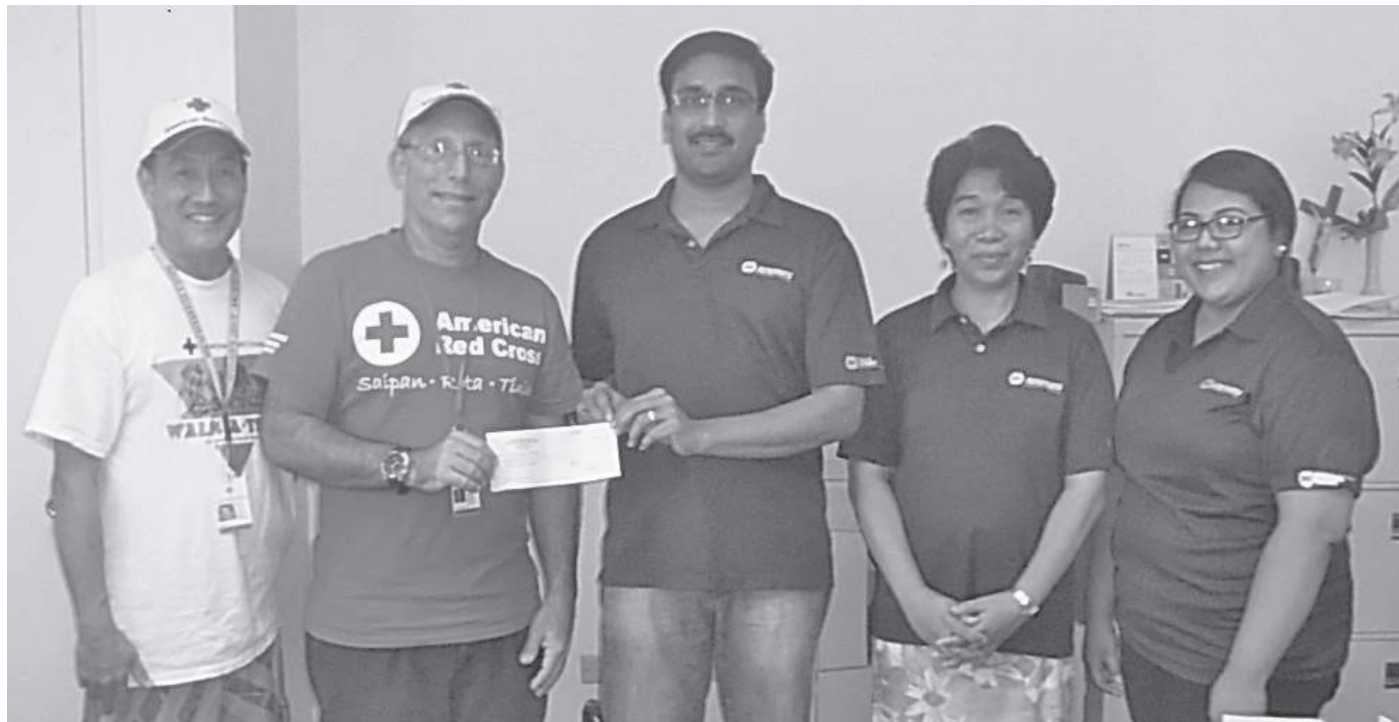
Other businesses that have supported relief efforts on Saipan are ABC Stores, which donated \$10,000; NAPA Auto & Truck Parts Saipan and NAPA Sacramento Distribution Center, which donated \$10,000; and Bridge Capital, which donated \$5,000.

Previous donors include Duty Free Shoppers, Joeten DaiDai Charitable Foundation, Bank of Guam, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii, MARPAC Distributors, Ada's Trust for Saipan, McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, TakeC-



From left: American Red Cross board chair Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, FHB vice president Saipan area manager Juan Lizama, American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, and Red Cross volunteer Gil Muna.

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Pictured from left: Red Cross board member Larry Lee and executive director John Hirsh, NAPA Auto & Truck parts manager Satya "Nani" V. Vallabhaneni, and staff members Virginia Santillan and Jessica Deleon Guerrero.

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are Foundation, Matson Navigation, Mobil Guam, and the Freeman Foundation.

To date, the American Red Cross has assisted over 9,000 people in the CNMI, providing close to a million dollars in direct financial assistance, and over \$1.2 million worth of food, water, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. In addition, the Red Cross has provided nearly 32,000 meals and snacks. Those in need receive emotional support, and health and counseling services.

Financial donations are especially needed because the Red Cross NMI Chapter's annual Club 200 event, originally scheduled for Oct. 3, has been cancelled. This event is a major fundraiser for the NMI Chapter, but employees and volunteers are focusing solely on improving lives and helping those

affected by the storm. The Red Cross encourages all ticket buyers to support relief efforts by making a financial contribution to the Chapter.

Local recipients of Red Cross assistance say they appreciate the services provided by the organization.

"It's our mission to assist those in need on Saipan and we can't accomplish our mission without local support," said John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter. "Our community's support and generosity during this time of great need on the island is both necessary and much appreciated."

The community can help by donating specifically to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter by calling or visiting the Chapter office on Airport Road, or by emailing [nmichapter@redcross.org](mailto:nmichapter@redcross.org). (ARC)



From left: Red Cross board member Larry Lee, Bridge Capital's Joe Guerrero, Red Cross executive director John Hirsh, Bridge Capital vice president/chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, Red Cross board chair Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, and Emergency Services director Paul Camacho.

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Pictured from left: ABC Stores store manager Raymond Borja, district manager Aaron Gandaoli, store manager Jocelyn McCarthy, American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, and board member Larry Lee.

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### It's time for Ohioans to get over Mount McKinley

**H**ouse Speaker John Boehner believes the federal government should allow states greater freedom to govern themselves. Except when it comes to naming their mountains.

Boehner has joined many of his Ohio colleagues in criticizing President Barack Obama for removing the name of former President William McKinley—proud son of Niles, Ohio—from a mountain in Alaska. One Republican member of the Ohio delegation called it “insulting to all Ohioans.”

Yet McKinley never visited Alaska, which would not become a state until more than 50 years after his death. That his name ended up atop the highest peak in North America is a fluke of history. A New-Hampshire-born gold prospector dubbed it Mount McKinley in 1896, either as a spontaneous tribute to the new Republican presidential nominee or a partisan payback to the verbose proponents of free silver (McKinley was a defender of the gold standard) that he had met while in the wilderness. Or perhaps both.

The details don't much matter. McKinley's connection to the mountain is a political curio that, understandably, Alaskans have long been eager to leave behind. Few residents use the name Mount McKinley. They call it Denali, a native Alaskan name connoting its great height. In 1975, Alaska officially named the mountain Denali and petitioned the federal government to do so too. But Ohio's lawmakers have stood in the way for 40 years.

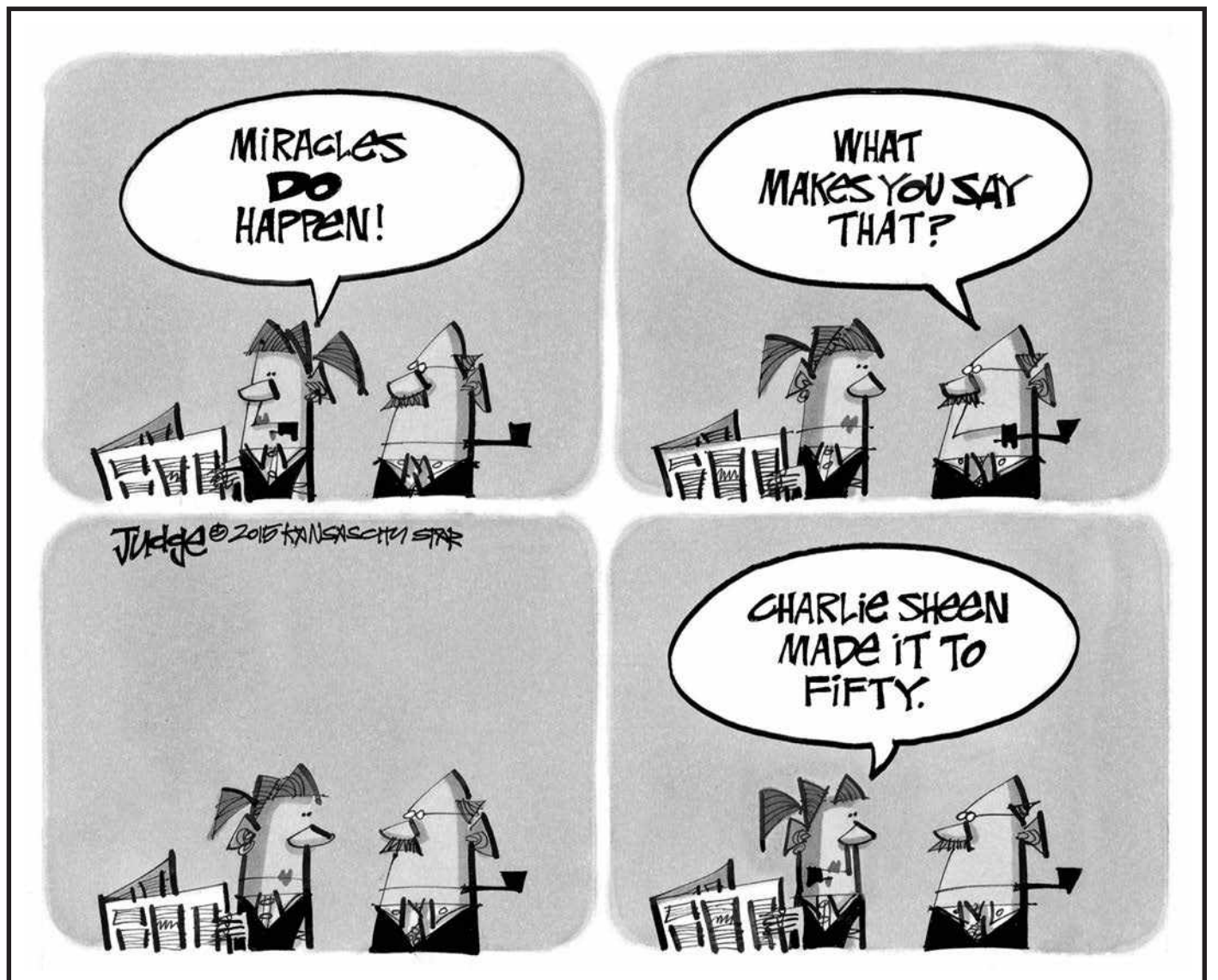
Ohioans would not have taken kindly if, in 2008, an outsider had pushed to name Cuyahoga Valley National Park after Sarah Palin. Nor if someone tried to name the Ohio River after Rick Swenson, who holds the record for the most Iditarod championships. Either change would make as much sense as naming Denali for McKinley.

There are plenty of ways to honor McKinley, a Civil War veteran whose presidency was characterized by expansionism abroad (the U.S. annexed Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Hawaii and Guam during his tenure) and protectionism at home. But any such honors ought to relate to his life and work.

If Ohioans want to elevate the memory of McKinley, maybe they could look to highest point in their own state. Campbell Hill is a former Air Force base that has been transformed into a career-technical school for high school students and adults. How about calling it McKinley Hill?

Better yet: Since McKinley was assassinated by an anarchist with a gun, and gun violence remains a plague on American life, Ohio's congressional delegation could push for common-sense laws that prevent people with records of criminal activity or mental illness from acquiring guns. That would be a mountainous achievement worthy of McKinley's name.

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## Discord at Concord

**T**he 159-year-old St. Paul's School in New Hampshire is an exclusive prep school where sons of Astor and Kennedy families attended, becoming co-ed in 1971. International students now constitute 17 percent of studentry, 10-12 students in a class, and the ratio of students to faculty is 4-to-1. A glittering list of alumni includes State Secretary John Kerry and Doonesbury cartoonist Gary Trudeau.

Harvard-bound Divinity student Owen Labrie paid tuition and living accommodations more than the highest paid CNMI PSS teacher gets before taxes. That's really exclusive.

An informal tradition at St. Paul's, a toxic culture of upper-classmen pouncing on bright-eyed entering females, is the “senior salute.” Senior classmen prey on incoming Paulies eager to stretch their experience, and sometimes, broaden their knowledge of anatomy. Male seniors relished the bragging rights that went with the “conquest,” marking on a scoreboard behind the dorm's vending machine.

Youthful Labrie took a willing lassie to a mechanical room with blanket and prophylaxis but accompanied his enthusiastic embraces with wild bragging. That may cost him 10 years behind bars!

Personal relationships and sexual behavioral patterns have certainly gone the distance, and then some. If one had the courage to hold a girl's hand when I was 16, one was really being bold. Going on a date in Manila in the '60s was taking a girl to a movie and a restaurant before or after, and on a first date, one was circumspect not to hold hands unless the girl takes the initiative, an affirmation of her willingness to “go steady.” Accepting an invite involved assumptions.

The rites were spartan of physico-emotional display. When one took a date back to her dorm or boarding house, a peck on the cheek meant one week of not washing one side of one's face to retain the glorious memory of the experience. Ah, but those were the days. Of course, I was also a country bumpkin.

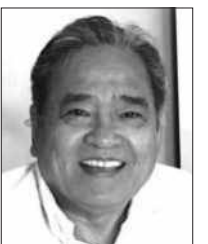
Labrie took a freshe up the roof of his building and proceeded to show his date how not to ask permission on the use of a condom. A jury judged his Internet bragging as too self-incriminatory. Absolved of the more grievous charge of statutory rape, he was nevertheless found guilty of engaging in a sexual activity with a minor, his acceptance at Harvard Divinity School rescinded, and required to register as a sex offender wherever he lives in the United States.

While the news is media hot, what dramatically brings it to the fore is the realization that the practice at St. Paul's is hardly grotesque at all. The preoccupation with sexuality is media's theme of any marketing campaign these days. Sexual metaphors abound in regular discourse, so much so that while I taught oral

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English in China and encouraged students to listen to English songs, classical and contemporary, a student who picked up ghetto rap for her listening exercise was curious enough to ask if sons really did it that often with their mothers. She let me listen to the piece, and sure enough, *motherf\*\*\*r* peppered the lyrics. It does have a different meaning taken out of context from Harlem, the Southside of Chicago, and south L.A.

We forget that Juliet of Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* was not yet 14; Romeo was in his late teens. Romeo in our time would have been guilty of statutory rape had he gone physically amorous. Not in England of the 1600s, though the Puritans' morals came to permeate U.S. ethics later, frowning on public emotional displays.

An acquaintance on Saipan went behind bars for dallying with 13- and 14-year-olds who, like Pacific islanders, have babies not too long after puberty. When I was growing up, a girl was “passed up” if her womb was still barren at 20. Babies were generally born from 18-year-old mothers.

Anyone who has taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary understands the power of hormones at the onset of puberty. Labrie was 18 when he led the 15-year-old girl by the hand to the mechanical room, the latter's participation allegedly violated as her cautioning consent was not honored in what to other cultures is mere ritual. If Labrie was in fact telling the truth and did quit the wrestling out of conscience, it meant that we had an aroused girl, perhaps a worse fate, left hanging. The young lady rightly took Labrie to court.

We do not condone Labrie's behavior, or hardly unsympathetic to the girl's plight, nor dismissive of the discord in Concord. With everyone looking at ones' self in the mirror a universal obsession, covered by powder, rouge and mascara, and hormones titillated at every turn when lured to buy something, physique and sex are the paramount lure of marketing magnets. Add a spice of drama, mostly violent to get the sweaty palm or the heart throbbing, and one gets the formula for every visual pull the market offers.

West Point cadets went violent in a traditional pillow fight in a sports field this week. The drama at Concord is, indeed, tragic; unfortunately, it is also rather common.



## Test of character

**E**ver wondered if local pride is genuine and appropriately founded on a powerful sense of integrity or is it as crispy and superficial as marshland reed?

We take insults on trivial stuff and dismiss greater insults that bring humiliation to the very core of our soul. It seems the usurpation of our personal integrity is fine!

I've looked critically into dark corner streets where the collision between principle and principal must have clashed. Remember?

For years, Republican big heads have silently fired people for their political beliefs. Out the window goes the civil service system that protects civil servants. This anomalous decision permits enlargement of political hires for it is easier keeping the flock in check as obedient slaves.

Along the way, we see the emergence of young people (20-30 years old) teeming with energy, inspiration and bright ideas to improve upon a fossilized system by breaking off the usual political servility block. Yet, they are reminded by their parents (those fired over the last 30 years) to take extra precaution when airing dissenting political views.

Said a young, lively female student: "If this isn't right, then why am I being a victim of my own views that seek to improve upon fiat or dictatorship that was the hallmark of a former Republican governor here?" Said another bold student, "We may be financially poor but integrity is our currency! Let's take back what's ours!"

### Soudelor: One tough customer!

Indeed, when a major disaster hits, people look up toward imperial Capital Hill for guidance. There was nothing up that alley but dead silence for two long days. In fact, one was on vacation while the other searches for the definition of the term "leadership" from the manual of administration. No worries, we're a very forgiving people, even to those who failed us royally too.

To say we'd be stronger than ever before is good pep-rally fodder. Saying it bravely doesn't make it so and not when measured against

fast depleting pocketbooks of households everywhere. Leadership isn't trained, it's an innate or natural ability—either you have it or you don't! Is there such strange contraption anywhere near imperial Capital Hill?

It's good to be frank about issues with a sense of civility. We owe it to the folks who wanted to hear "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." You see, when you tell the truth you never have to return to explain yourself once more. Yep!

Didn't impeached, convicted and commuted former governor Benigno Fitial sign a declaration in September 2010 on disaster preparedness? Did he take the document with him to Manila, too? People never take nature's wraths for granted. Got whooped, yeah? We were never ready for anything at all and did nothing but memorialize it.

### Casino subsidy?

With the shutter of the Tinian Dynasty, such tidings would reverberate throughout the casino gambling industry on a global basis. This came as another firm in the Bahamas declared bankruptcy in an effort to complete its \$3.2-billion integrated resort.

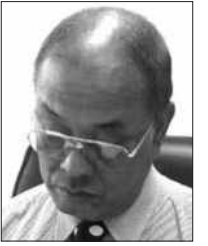
There's the tug-of-war with the feds on taxes, then stiff orders from the gaming commission on Tinian that the firm submits certain information and the consequence of total disintegration. Should be a classic example of uncertainty in an industry that offers one thing and one thing only: uncertainty! And herein we placed our future at the feet of investment speculators?

Yet, in the midst of all the unintended confusion and lack of purpose we still don't have a plan to use as a guideline to grow the economy on an organized purposeful basis. It's ad hoc while singing "kera sera, sera." And we're lovin' it too, you know, the sleepwalking troops sashaying down to the park in Puntan Muchot!

**'We was ready!'** The interagency folks were ready for instructions the morning of Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. They spent the next four hours surfing the net while waiting for instructions from somewhere near Mt. Tagpochau. Our salute for their readiness and our condolences for the

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top brass who decided to sing an old tune, "Are you sleeping...?"

**"We was cool!"** A student of government was asked if "commutation" is a given in the NMI for the commission of crimes in high office. His answer was a pensive, "I don't think so, sir!" He was shown the headlines in the local papers that confirmed commutation. Stunned, he asked, "I thought we was cool!" I thought so too!

**We wasn't there!** It was last Sunday afternoon when grocery stores between Koblerville and Garapan were selling melted ice cream. It's watery, yet it was still on sale. Perhaps the owners didn't know the fridge isn't cold enough to keep the ice cream frozen. But still it is the fiduciary duty of the Division of Public Health to get its people out there and guard the public from any chancy affair with food poisoning. It's duty versus a picnic with friends.

**Dead!** The feds used to subsidize Continental Airlines' daily flights into the NMI. Whether there are three or 30 passengers on board headed to Guam, the 727 jet liner takes off on time, every time. When it returns with only three passengers, eh, no worries, someone's paying for the subsidy.

Then one day the subsidy ended, including utility surcharge once paid for by the CNMI government. They passed it back to consumers. We still can't figure out why the airline or power generation plant must operate like a business. It's a business operation, isn't it? I have yet to hear technology that they're now using seawater for fuel! With creepy fiscal mess ahead, what's in our future?

## Identifying with a murder victim

By ALISON BOWEN

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**I** didn't know Alison Parker. But I have never felt more connected to the death of someone I've never met.

She had my name. My parents also chose one "I" in Alison. I've been a 24-year-old reporter. I've reported from the field. Thinking of my father getting that phone call makes me feel a sort of sharp pain beneath my bones even I, a professional writer, can't define.

When these things happen, we're quick to reason, to compartmentalize, to perform mental gymnastics to help ourselves sleep at night. It's self-preservation: "There must be a reason this happened," or even, if we don't want to phrase it this way, "This couldn't happen to me."

But I couldn't find the right levels of remove to put this particular shooting—a different one from the slew in Chicago that same day—in a rear cabinet of my brain.

This is not the first time I've contemplated the tragedy of a young life cut short. I live in a city where it happens all too often. As my colleague Peter Nickeas noted last week, people are shot all the time. Each one of those deaths is tragic, and each of those families feels pain.

This one in the Roanoke, Va., area particularly hit home.

She, too, had an older brother. She, too, reassured her parents she wouldn't report from war zones. She, too, always called to check in, her father said (which brings back memories of my attempts to preempt my mother's worried texts when cranes collapsed or bombs were diffused when I lived in New York City). She, too, had a seemingly stoic, strong father whose emotional reservoirs flooded with a fierce protection toward his daughter. Her father, Andy Parker, vows that his life's work will be ending gun violence.

My father owns guns. I have family members who live in rural Missouri, on gravel roads. I'm not troubled that they feel better with that protection, other than the fact that it adds a wrinkle to any potential surprise visits. Me, I've never fired a gun. And I've lived in New York City, where many people don't get the allure of firearms. But I'm confident, after living in both worlds, there is much in the middle to plumb for solutions.

The husband of the surviving Virginia shooting victim told *The New York Times*, "Whether it was a gun or machete or ax, it doesn't make any difference."

Respectfully, there is a difference. A machete or ax might have allowed the victims to fight back or get away.

And to those who push the focus in these cases to the perpetrator, not the weapon: Yes, let's fix mental health. Yes, we are a country that can multitask.

It's natural to seek reason—it makes tragedies feel less random

and allows us to put things in some kind of order. But we should resist the urge to reason away something that's scary and someone else's sorrow.

It is terrifying. It is an aching pain. When we feel uncomfortable, we should ask why. We should sit with that discomfort, feel someone else's agony, question why it's there, realize that pain can't be paused, or clicked away from, for others.

It's been a few days, and the news has moved on. The horror already seems sepia-toned, a bit muted. I wondered if this essay was even too late.

But time is also a form of stepping away. What a luxury, to move on. What good fortune to not be planning the funeral—this time.

I think about my father, not settling into work but, instead, planning my funeral. Of him wearing the new suit he bought for my grandmother's funeral two years ago, silently putting his arm around my mother and my brother, as they sit in a pew, as the headlines move on.

We shouldn't step away after these shootings and say, "This happens sometimes," sit back with folded arms, offer no ideas, meet every solution with an argument.

She had my name, and my job. And I keep thinking of my father getting that phone call.

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## For some, obstacles still block the American dream

**A** college degree has long been considered the holy grail of economic mobility. Getting one, the conventional wisdom says, puts you on the road to higher wages and greater wealth, and protects you from economic turbulence.

A degree also is viewed as the prime path across the economic chasm that divides minorities from whites. Like whites, highly educated blacks and Latinos do indeed have higher incomes and greater wealth than their peers who did not attend college.

It's apparent there is a very big "but" here. A new study from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis found that in tough times, a college degree does not provide the same buffer for blacks and Hispanics as it does for whites and Asians. The data were striking.

From 1992 to 2013, a period with three recessions, including the meltdown that started in 2008, real median income for white and Asian college grads rose 18 percent and 31 percent, respectively, while falling 12 percent and 10 percent for black and Hispanic college grads. All figures were adjusted for inflation.

The numbers for wealth during that period were more extreme: There were increases in median net worth of 86 percent and 90 percent for whites and Asians who finished college, compared with decreases of 56 percent and 27 percent for their black and Hispanic peers.

What's going on here? A lot, some of which is intuitive.

For example, data show whites and Asians are more likely to have advanced degrees, which bring higher wages. They're more likely to have attended elite universities with better job placement services. They're also more likely to have college-educated parents, which translates to more financial knowledge and wealth to be passed down.

Blacks and Hispanics, on the other hand, have less of their wealth in stocks and bonds and more tied up in their houses. So when the housing market cratered, so did their wealth. And in striving to move into the middle class, they accumulated more debt—more college loans and bigger mortgages.

There are insidious forces at work, too—namely, persistent racism, in the form of institutional discrimination. It takes many shapes. Put them together and you have a potent obstacle to success.

Look at the studies which show that managers evaluating two job candidates with the same qualifications are more likely to hire the person with a white-sounding name over the person with a black-sounding name.

Look at the companies like Wells Fargo forced to pay millions of dollars to settle claims that they levied higher mortgage fees on blacks and Latinos.

Look at investigations of real estate agents who steer black and Latino home buyers away from white neighborhoods where prop-

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erty values appreciate faster, slowing their accumulation of wealth.

If you start behind, it's a lot harder to catch up—especially when others are erecting roadblocks along the way.

The good news is that Americans increasingly seem to understand that these obstacles exist. Nearly 60 percent agree our nation needs to continue to make changes to give blacks the same rights that whites enjoy—a sharp increase in the last year, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

The issue is showing up in the presidential race. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have offered plans that would make college more affordable for more minorities.

That's a start. But a lot more needs to happen to turn the promise of a college degree's impact into reality.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SUNDAY

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Yesterday's Satellite Image

**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Etou (18W) is centered 505 miles northwest of Iwo To island near 28N138E moving north at 21 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Showers and a few thunderstorms are north of 24N from 157E to 164E. For more information on Tropical Storm Etou, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Typhoon Kilo (03C) is centered 655 miles northwest of Wake Island at 26N160E moving west-northwest at 14 mph with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are within 200 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Kilo, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A surface trough just southwest of Tropical Storm Etou is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 50 miles of a line from 23N130E to 25N132E. Converging southwest to west monsoon winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over large areas from Yap State across Chuuk and Pohnpei states and Northern Kosrae state to the northern Marshall Islands. These areas are between 8N and 11N west of 132E and between 6N and 14N from 136E to 156E and between 10N and 16N from 160E to 171E. A disturbance east of the date line is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Majuro mainly east of a line from 9N176E to 4N176E. Convergent low-level winds south of Kosrae and Majuro are triggering scattered and a few thunderstorms south of a line from 1N160E to 2N172E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼51
Beijing	Cloudy	▲75	▼62
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼78
London	Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲95	▼73
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲57	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
New York	Sunny	▲93	▼74
Osaka	Rain	▲75	▼69
Paris	Sunny	▲76	▼53
Pusan	Windy	▲80	▼64
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼60
Salem	Sunny	▲84	▼56
San Francisco	Sunny	▲88	▼61
Seoul	Sunny	▲85	▼60
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼74
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼74

## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
12:14 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:10 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:24 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:21 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:34 AM	3:33 PM
Thursday	3:24 AM	4:17 PM
Friday	4:13 AM	4:59 PM
Saturday	5:01 AM	5:39 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:17 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM				
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM				
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM				
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM				

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# Nation

## US dentist who killed Cecil the lion set to return to work

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—The Minnesota dentist whose killing of Cecil the lion sparked a global backlash emerged for an interview in which he disputed some accounts of the hunt, expressed agitation at the animosity directed at those close to him and said he

would be back at work within days.

Walter Palmer, who has spent more than a month out of sight after becoming the target of protests and threats, intends to return to his suburban Minneapolis dental practice Tuesday. In an interview

Sunday evening conducted jointly by The Associated Press and the Minneapolis Star Tribune that advisers said would be the only one granted, Palmer said again that he believes he acted legally and that he was stunned to find out his hunting party had killed one of Zimbabwe's treasured animals.

"If I had known this lion had a name and was important to the country or a study obviously I wouldn't have taken it," Palmer said. "Nobody in our hunting party knew before or after the name of this lion."

Cecil was a fixture in the vast Hwange National Park and had been fitted with a GPS col-



In this July 29, 2015, file photo, protestors gather outside Dr. Walter James Palmer's dental office in Bloomington, Minn. AP

lar as part of Oxford University lion research. Palmer said he shot the big cat with the black

mane using an arrow from his compound bow outside the park's borders but it didn't die

immediately. He disputed conservationist accounts that the wounded lion wandered for 40 hours and was finished off with a gun, saying it was tracked down the next day and killed with an arrow.

An avid sportsman, Palmer shut off several lines of inquiry about the hunt, including how much he paid for it or others he has undertaken. No videotaping or photographing of the interview was allowed. During the 25-minute interview, Palmer gazed intensely at his questioners, often fiddling with his hands and turning occasionally to an adviser, Joe Friedberg, to field questions about the fallout and his legal situation.

## Kentucky clerk appeals her jailing over gay marriage

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)**—Attorneys for the Kentucky clerk who was jailed last week because of her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples said Monday they have filed an emergency motion with a federal court that they hope will result in Kim Davis' freedom.

The filing seeks to have Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear accommodate Davis' "religious conviction," and not compel her to grant licenses to gay couples, Liberty Counsel said in a statement.

"The motion requests an injunction pending appeal for an exemption from the Governor's mandate that all county clerks issue marriage licenses," said the statement by Liberty Counsel, which is representing Davis.

The same injunction request

was denied last month by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, who jailed Davis on Thursday.

Charla Bansley, communications director for Liberty Counsel, said Davis could be released from jail immediately if the motion were granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ordering Beshear to issue Davis an "accommodation"—allowing her to remove her name and title from official marriage certificates issued in Rowan County.

By doing that, Davis would not be sanctioning any same-sex unions and her conscience would be satisfied, they say.

"If there was an accommodation, she would be released (from jail) because she would no longer be in contempt," Bansley said.

## Clinton says no email apology: 'What I did was allowed'

**CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)**—Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she does not need to apologize for using a private email account and server while at the State Department because "what I did was allowed."

In an interview with The Associated Press during a Labor Day campaign swing through Iowa, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination also said the lin-

gering questions about her email practices while serving as President Barack Obama's first secretary of state have not damaged her campaign.

"Not at all. It's a distraction, certainly," Clinton said. "But it hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign, the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country. And I still feel very confident about the organization

and the message that my campaign is putting out."

Yet even in calling the inquiry into how she used email as the nation's top diplomat a distraction, Clinton played down how it has affected her personally as a candidate.

"As the person who has been at the center of it, not very much," Clinton said. "I have worked really hard this summer, sticking to my game plan

about how I wanted to sort of reintroduce myself to the American people."

As she has often said in recent weeks, Clinton told AP it would have been a "better choice" for her to use separate email accounts for her personal and public business. "I've also tried to not only take responsibility, because it was my decision, but to be as transparent as possible," Clinton said.

### In Celebration of His New Life

## †Emiliano Santos Tiglao

Lovingly known as "EMIL"

February 15, 1958 – September 03, 2015

#### In His New life, He now joins his:

**Parents:** †Pablo Tiglao and †Lydia Tiglao  
**Siblings:** †Violeta T. Jacosalem  
†Jesus S. Tiglao  
†Marciano S. Tiglao

#### His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

**Wife:** Aura lou S. Tiglao  
**Daughter:** Mary Grace S. Tiglao

**Brothers/Sisters:** Zenaida T. Fabre  
Luzviminda T. Glinoga  
Leonida S. Tiglao  
Noli S. Tiglao  
Arlyn T. Castillo

He will also be missed by his numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, god children, In-laws and friends.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul are celebrated at St. Jude Church on September 03, 2015 at 5:00 pm, Mount Carmel Cathedral Church on September 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm and September 06, 2015 at 11:00 am.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015. His remains will be escorted from CHCC Chapel at 7:30 am to Mount Carmel Cathedral Church. Responso Service will be held upon arrival followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 am followed by Interment Service at Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens in Kagman, where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Salamat Po.

Aura lou, Mary Grace S. Tiglao and Family

### IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

## FERNANDO CEPEDA BENAVENTE

October 19, 1940 – September 2, 2015

of As Lito, Saipan, was called to his eternal rest at the age of 74.

#### His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

**Wife:** Lorna A. Benavente  
**Son:** John A. Benavente  
**Daughter:** Leolani Benavente & Anthony Demapan  
**Granddaughter:** Ciana Lei B. Demapan

#### Sisters, brothers and In-laws:

Maria B. Sablan, Trinidad B. Cameron, Ignacio C. & Evelyn S. Benavente, Kathy S. Benavente, Teresita B. Aldan, Roman C. & Andrea Benavente, Jaime Almadin and Marlyn Dominguez, Rosalina Almadin Pacho and Celcedo Pacho, Ernesto and Elita Almadin, and Alberto Jr. Almadin and Melanie Hernandez

#### In his new life, he now joins his:

**Parents:** Juan Villagomez Benavente & Rita Cepeda Benavente  
**Parents-in-law:** Alberto P. Almadin and Leonila Santos Almadin  
**Brother, sisters and in-laws:**

Sylveria & Jacinto Mendiola, Jose DLG. Sablan, Allen Cameron, Modesto & Dolores B. Salas, Luis C. Benavente, and Jesus T. Aldan

Daily mass of intentions is offered at 6:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015. Public viewing will be held at 8:00 a.m. and mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral followed by interment and burial at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You for your thoughts and prayers

Lorna Benavente and children



# World

## Hundreds surge past police near Hungary border, march north

**ROSZKE, Hungary (AP)**—Hundreds of angry and frustrated asylum-seekers broke through police lines Monday near Hungary's southern border with Serbia and began marching north toward Budapest, while Britain and France pledged to take in tens of thousands more refugees to try to ease the crisis.

As European leaders debated how to share responsibility for the more than 340,000 people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia who are already seeking refuge, Germany promised to spend billions of euros in extra aid for those already there and those yet to arrive. France weighed whether increased airstrikes against Islamic State militants would help to stem the flow of those fleeing Syria.

But the Hungarian prime minister scoffed at a proposed quota system for refugees in the 28-member European Union, saying it wouldn't work unless Europe first secured its borders.



A woman pushes a stroller as she walks on the highway close to Roszke, Hungary, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

Hungary's inability to control the flow of people across its southern border with Serbia was on graphic display Monday. Crowds who had grown tired of waiting for buses at Hungary's first migrant holding center near the border village of Roszke tore down flimsy police tape,

advanced down a country road and walked around and straight through rows of police trying to block them.

Police shoved individual migrants and fired jets of pepper spray, but it had little effect as about half of the 500-strong crowd reached the M5 highway

live in safety."

Lesbos is one of several Greek islands hugging the Turkish coast that are the first stop for many of those trying to reach Western Europe. Here, they must register with police and receive an official document. Without that document, they can't buy a ferry ticket to the mainland to continue on land through the Balkans.

But the registration offices are swamped, slowing everything down. Under the punishing sun in high humidity, hundreds crowd outside the offices for hours. Brawls break out frequently among the hot, exhausted crowds, often met by police swinging batons and shouting, "Pis-so!"—Greek for "go away."

The nerves of Lesbos residents as well are fraying.

Thousands of migrants camp at station waiting to board trains to Western Europe



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Koreas to hold Oct. 20-26 reunions of war-divided families

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—North and South Korea agreed Tuesday to hold reunions next month of families separated by the Korean War in the early 1950s, a small but important bit of progress for rivals that just last month were threatening each other with war. One hundred mostly elderly people from each country will be reunited with their relatives Oct. 20-26 at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry and North Korean state media. The decision came after overnight talks among the Koreas' Red Cross officials at the border village of Panmunjom that began Monday. The Koreas initially agreed to push for the reunions after striking a deal last month that eased a standoff that had flared after a mine explosion blamed on Pyongyang maimed two South Korean soldiers. The highly emotional reunions have not happened since early last year. But even Tuesday's announcement doesn't guarantee success. The rivals have

that connects Serbia and Hungary. They headed north along the shoulder, raising their arms and chanting "Germany! Germany!"

Police merely walked beside them as a lone helicopter monitored the marchers' progress north as darkness fell. The highway was blocked for nearly 50 kilometers (30 miles) as a precaution. A few hours later, as the marchers paused by the roadside to try to sleep in the cold on the pavement, police delivered buses and requested they board for delivery to a refugee camp. Most refused.

The northward march mirrored Friday's surge of people down Budapest's motorway toward Austria, which forced Hungary to concede defeat and bus thousands to the Austrian border. Germany's rail company said Monday it had carried 22,000 asylum-seekers over the weekend on more than 100 trains, a number boosted by the fact that Hungary again has dropped visa checks on foreigners buying train tickets for the wealthier countries to the west, particularly Germany.

## Greek island overwhelmed by stranded migrants, despair

**MYTILENE, Greece (AP)**—It was supposed to be the first step on their journey to Western Europe. But now thousands of migrants are mired in despair, anger and frustration on the scenic Greek island of Lesbos.

After perilous sea voyages from neighboring Turkey, they have been stranded here for days, some for nearly two weeks, running out of money and desperate to get to mainland Greece and continue their route.

The island of some 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden new population of some 20,000 refugees and migrants, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan—and the strain is pushing everyone to the limit.

Fights break out among the migrants as they wait in long lines for hours in the summer

heat and humidity, after days without showers. Families, sleeping on the streets, wander the seaside promenade of Mytilene, Lesbos' capital, asking at the swanky cafes and restaurants to use their bathrooms or charge phones. The small police force, overwhelmed by the numbers, charges in at any sign of trouble, beating crowds with batons to break them up.

"We escaped from ruin to be met with more ruin here," said Mohammed Salama, a 45-year-old Syrian. He fled the Damascus suburbs where fighting has raged for years, seeking a refuge so he can bring his four daughters and pregnant wife who remained behind.

"I did not come here to make money," he said Sunday. "I came here so I can later bring my children and have them

a long history of failing to follow through on reconciliation efforts.

#### PH monkeys infected with Ebola not lethal to humans

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Several monkeys at a research and breeding facility in the Philippines have been infected with an Ebola virus strain that is non-lethal to humans, health officials said Saturday. The facility's 25 workers have been tested for possible infection but all have been found negative for the Ebola Reston variety, said Health Secretary Janette Garin. She said the virus was detected last week after the monkeys were observed to be suffering from measles, which could have lowered their resistance to Ebola. Garin provided scant details, and did not identify the facility, the location or whether the monkeys were being also bred for export to foreign laboratories. Meanwhile, the monkeys will continue to be observed, she said. "There are many types of Ebola," she said. "This Ebola is the kindest to humans." A deadly Ebola strain killed

nearly 8,000 people over the past two years in West Africa, causing global concern over the spread of the virus.

#### Myanmar's Suu Kyi opens election campaign on Facebook

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Just five years ago, when Aung San Suu Kyi was still under house arrest, she commented that one day she hoped to get a Twitter account and chat with the outside world. On Tuesday, the opposition leader kicked off campaigning for Myanmar's historic Nov. 8 general election with a Facebook post—one of many signs of how far the country and its most recognizable politician have come in a few years. In a video message, the opposition leader called the upcoming elections "a crucial turning point for our country." "For the first time in decades, our people will have a real chance of bringing about real change," Suu Kyi said, in a message posted on her party's Facebook page in Burmese and English. "We hope that the whole world understands how important it is for us to have free and fair elections."

## New wife's family affair shouldn't remain a secret

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently married the love of my life. However, a few years ago, I had an affair with his uncle. It was a terrible mistake. Should I explain this to my husband or keep my shameful secret a secret? Please tell me what I should do.

CONFUSED WIFE IN THE EAST

**DEAR CONFUSED WIFE:** I vote for telling your husband the truth. Better he should hear it from you now than hear about it later from his uncle.

**DEAR ABBY:** I started a new job four months ago after being out of work because of a large downsizing at my last employer's, an insurance company. My new job is close to home, and I really like the work involved.

I'm single, in my early 40s and have a wonderful relationship with a widower I met in church. My problem involves my immediate boss, who is a married man with a family. He has asked me to join him for lunch several times. He has left flowers in my car with a note, and keeps asking me to go to concerts out of town because he says his wife doesn't want to go and he doesn't want to go alone.

I have tried to downplay his advances, but I am afraid it might

cost me my job, my boyfriend and the ability to help my parents financially. I am aware my co-workers are probably wondering what is going on. How do I handle this delicate situation and do the right thing?

IN A QUANDARY IN NEW ENGLAND

**DEAR IN A QUANDARY:** Tell your boss that you are involved in a committed relationship, and so is he. The next time he invites you to lunch, inform him that his invitations are making you uncomfortable. After that, if he persists in leaving flowers with little notes, hang onto them because they would be evidence that you were being harassed in case your refusal to have a personal relationship affects your employment.

**DEAR ABBY:** For the past year I have been married to a man I love with all my heart, but we have yet to reside in the same house. He lives in another city with his child's mother and gives me excuse after excuse as to why he won't leave. It's either that he's scared to have to pay child support, or he's afraid of my temper (which I'm seeking help for), or it's just not the right time.

I think I should take priority over his child's mother because I am his WIFE. I am fed up with the excuses and ready to call it

## DEAR ABBY

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quits. What should I do?

MARRIED BUT ALONE IN MARYLAND

**DEAR MARRIED:** Keep working on your anger issues, but call it quits. Obviously, your "husband's" priorities lie elsewhere. Whether in the legal sense or the emotional, he appears to be very much married to his child's mother. As it stands, you are already living as a divorcee, so make it official and move on.

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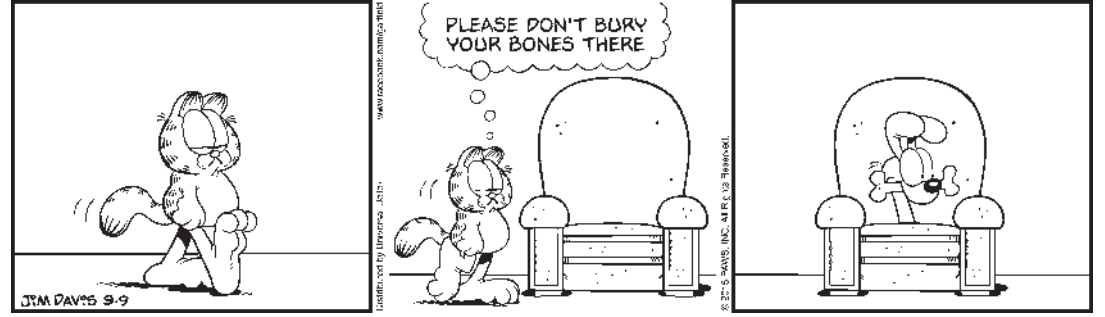
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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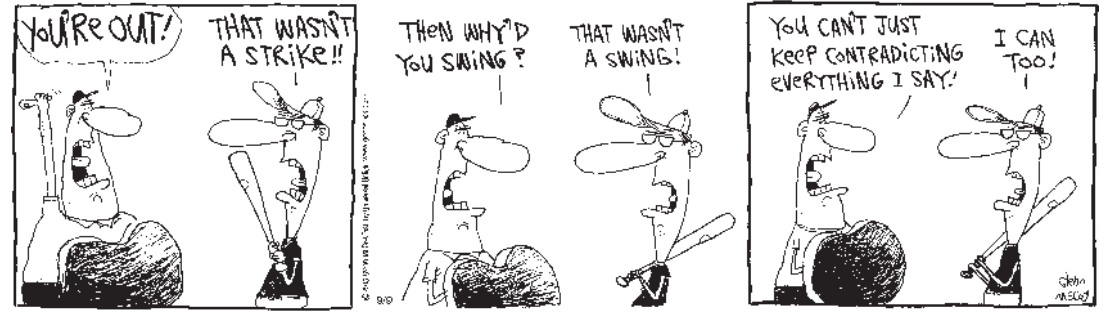
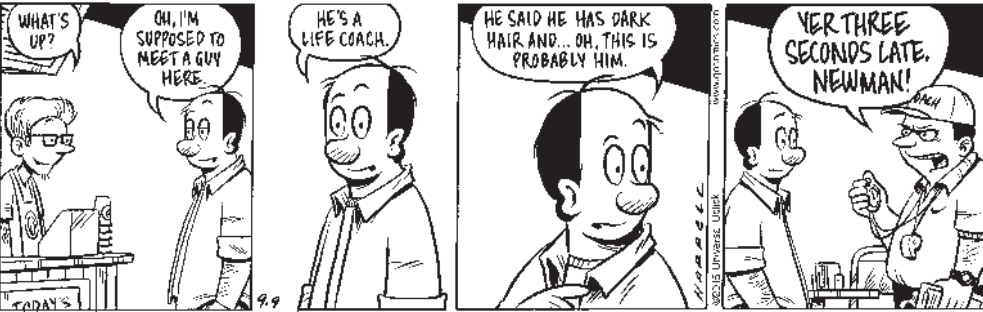


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Guy  
5 Society newbie  
8 Buckle  
12 Alkali neutralizer  
13 Eggs  
14 October stone  
15 Behave ostentatiously  
17 Doing  
18 Elder  
19 Formed into a heap  
21 — de plume  
22 Icelandic volume  
23 "Scandal" network  
26 Chart  
28 Is tangent to  
31 Snatch  
33 Run-down horse  
35 Birthright barterer  
36 Like some seals  
38 Upper surface  
40 Recede

**DOWN**

41 Probability  
43 Tease  
45 July holiday, with "The"  
47 Slanted lettering  
51 As well  
52 Sooners' home  
54 Bobbin  
55 Slithery fish  
56 Skiers' carrier  
57 Gangster's girlfriend  
58 "CSI" evidence  
59 A handful  
1 Part of Einstein's equation  
2 Rue the run  
3 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.  
4 Astronomer  
5 His is an entry-level job  
6 Actress Mendes  
7 Wash  
8 Potential  
9 Clapping  
10 Assessment  
11 Trudge along  
16 Explosive  
20 Greek mountain  
23 Mellow  
24 Type of lingerie  
25 Baggage-claim structure  
27 Vanna's cohort  
29 Bill  
30 Hero sandwich  
32 Sleeping bag, maybe  
34 Ape  
37 Pesticide letters  
39 Pocket bread  
42 Furnished with footwear  
44 Thai money  
45 Locale for 4-H'ers  
46 Margarine  
48 Timber wolf  
49 Mosque bigwig  
50 Give a darn  
53 Barbie's companion

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

M	A	S	T	B	A	G	F	A	N	S
E	C	H	O	A	B	A	A	L	E	E
S	H	O	R	T	C	U	T	T	B	A
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E	W	E	S	T	E	N	W	E	F	T

**Yesterday's answer 9-9**

## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Michelle Williams, 35; Michael Buble, 40; Eric Stonestreet, 44; Hugh Grant, 55.

**Happy Birthday:** Make this a year to remember. Take the initiative to make things happen. Use all your skills and experience to develop and promote the goals that will bring you the greatest satisfaction. Consider contracts and proposals that will boost your income as well as your resume. Don't worry about winning or losing. It's OK to compete with yourself. Your numbers are 4, 17, 26, 31, 34, 44, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take the initiative and turn your dreams into a reality. Relationships will play a big role in your success. Engage in activities that will bring you closer to the person you enjoying being with most. Love and romance are highlighted. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Trouble will result if you let your emotions lead you down a stubborn path. Open communication will be required if you don't want to hit a roadblock. Learn from past experiences and keep an open mind. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your astute mind and keen sense of your surroundings will make your life choices easier. Romance should take top priority, and spending time nurturing what's important to you will pay off. Live in the moment and enjoy what life has to offer. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't get worked up over what's going on around you. Back away from people who show signs of being unpredictable or argumentative. Put

more into home and self-improvements. A little will go a long way if you are innovative. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your passionate nature will shine through. Speak up and share your thoughts, and you will be offered positive input. A change to the way others view you will lead to greater confidence and opportunities. An interesting position looks promising. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Double-check the information you are given. It's possible that you will overreach or extend yourself physically or financially if you aren't careful. Your power of persuasion is likely to backfire, leaving you in a precarious position. Don't get involved in secret dealings. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Opportunities are within your reach. Get involved in events that interest you and you'll make a difference. Someone you meet will bring positive changes to your life. Romance is in the stars, and making plans with someone special will confirm your feelings. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let jealousy or envy cloud your vision. You are just as capable of competing and winning as anyone you come up against. Revenge is a waste of time. Get back to basics and let your success be your way of getting satisfaction. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keep everything in perspective. Overreacting or being indulgent will work against you. Focus on doing your best. Positive alterations to the way live will bring greater happiness into your life. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Money, legal or health concerns will surface and turn in your favor. Initiate and negotiate and you will get what you want. Don't let anyone mislead you. Stay away from people who are unpredictable. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** There is plenty you can do to improve your relationships with the people you care about most. A partnership will lead to an interesting change in the way you earn your living. Love and romance should be a priority. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Send out your resume or make adjustments to improve your work relationships and conditions. Share your ideas with someone you want to partner with on future projects. An idea you have will bring you greater recognition. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, intuitive and stubborn. You are capricious and outgoing.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

4		9				1				
	1		3			9		6		
		3				4				
	8		4		6		9	2		
				3						
	6	1	9	2	7	8	5			
		6				9				
		4				7				
			6	9	5					

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	4	8	2	6	3	1	7	5
1	5	2	7	9	4	3	6	8
3	6	7	8	5	1	2	4	9
7	2	9	1	8	6	5	3	4
5	3	4	9	2	7	6	8	1
8	1	6	4	3	5	7	9	2
2	8	1	3	7	9	4	5	6
4	7	5	6	1	8	9	2	3
6	9	3	5	4	2	8	1	7

Difficulty Level ★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MUMFORD & SONS

Solution: 7 letters

O	W	S	I	D	R	O	F	M	U	M	E	V	A	C
R	J	O	S	M	U	R	D	L	U	R	E	V	O	L
G	S	N	L	A	B	C	O	N	O	M	O	O	L	B
A	P	Y	A	F	B	V	I	M	I	S	R	G	E	L
N	I	L	N	B	E	T	O	T	H	M	E	N	B	U
I	R	I	D	T	A	N	E	A	S	G	D	O	A	E
C	I	M	T	L	H	N	K	S	A	U	R	S	B	G
I	T	A	P	G	N	E	D	T	T	S	O	U	R	R
R	U	F	I	O	S	R	S	E	L	E	C	K	O	A
T	A	S	D	P	A	I	D	I	R	Y	K	R	A	S
C	L	N	E	O	L	D	V	L	Z	E	S	A	D	S
E	O	A	B	A	W	E	E	D	S	E	T	M	I	D
L	R	Y	C	A	W	A	K	E	E	O	R	N	V	N
E	E	O	N	I	L	O	D	N	A	M	U	E	I	I
K	V	E	L	T	S	I	H	T	R	E	D	L	I	W

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Yesterday's Answer: Lady in Satin  
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Position:	<b>(7) Brickmason</b>
Salary:	<b>\$6.55-\$11.55.00 Per Hour</b>
Qualification:	High School Diploma or Equivalent, (3) yrs. experience
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Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply for the following vacant position

**(1) General Maintenance Worker**  
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**Additional Requirements:** All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

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**NORTON, Mass. (AP)**—Four months ago, the question was whether Rickie Fowler was winning as much as he should.

Three victories later, no one can question how he wins.

At The Players Championship, he finished birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie and then won a three-hole playoff over Sergio Garcia and Kevin Kisner. Two months later, he made birdie on three of the last four holes for a one-shot victory over Matt Kuchar and Raphael Jacquelin.

And in the Labor Day finish at the Deutsche Bank Championship, he was flawless on the back nine and rallied from a three-shot deficit to beat Henrik Stenson.

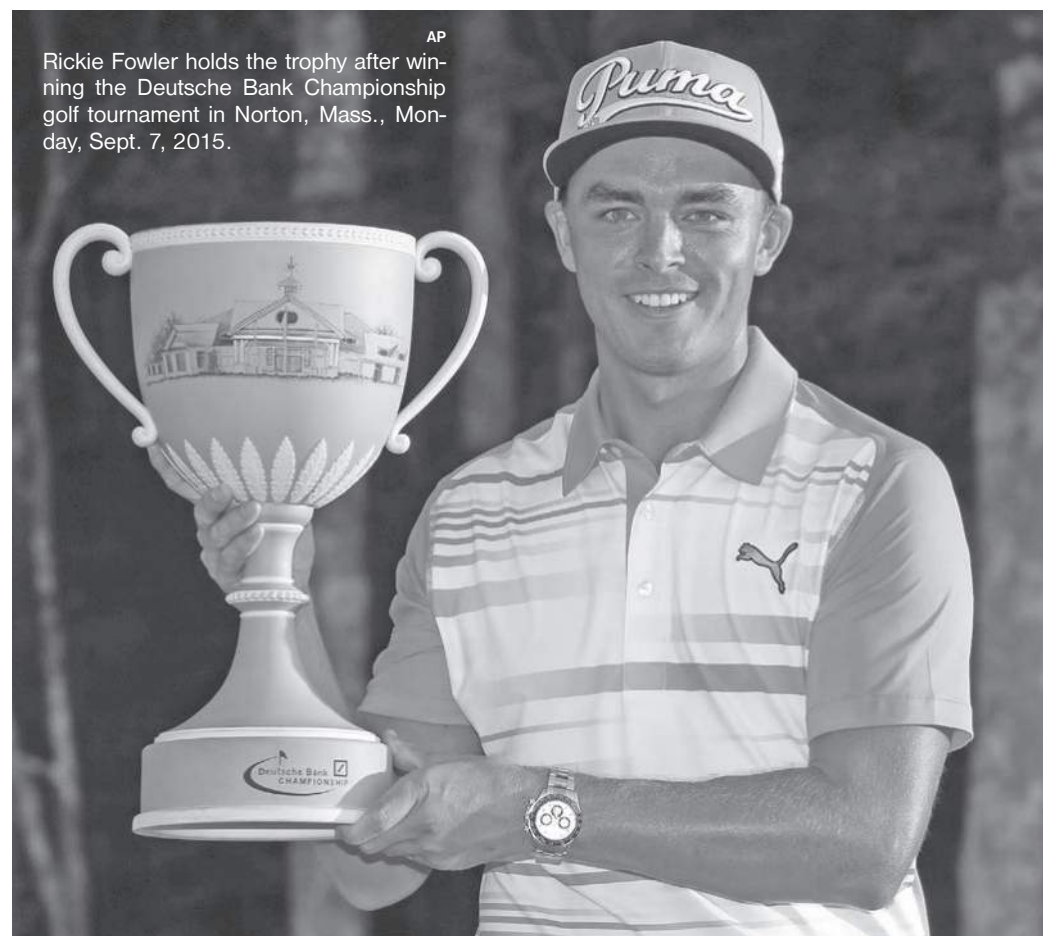
"It's pretty special to fight it out like that," Fowler said.

This time, he needed some help. Stenson led the entire round and never looked as though he was going to give Fowler an inch when he ended up giving him a mile on the par-3 16th hole. Stenson hit a towering 7-iron that he thought was going to land in the middle of the green. Instead, it hit the front mounding, dropped down to the rocks and bounced into the water for a double bogey.

That effectively was the tournament.

Fowler, who made a 40-foot birdie putt on 14th to pull within one shot, suddenly was two shots ahead with two hole to play. And while he twice failed to convert birdie putts inside 10 feet over the final two holes, he didn't have to make them. Sten-

# Little Rickie keeps coming up big



AP  
Rickie Fowler holds the trophy after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

son couldn't catch him, Fowler closed with a 3-under 68 and a one-shot victory.

It moved him to No. 5 in the world and on the cusp of being part of this year's "Big Three"—Jordan Spieth, Rory

McIlroy and Rickie Fowler.

"They've clearly played the best out of anyone over the past few months to couple of years,"

Fowler said. "So I'm trying to be a small fourth thrown in

there. But there's a lot of other really good young players playing well right now, as well."

Spieth and Day each have four wins, all on the PGA Tour, and three of the four majors. McIlroy has three wins—Dubai, Match Play and the Wells Fargo Championship—and lost some momentum

when he missed two months with an ankle injury.

Fowler hasn't been as consistently good as the other three this year, though he made this much clear on the TPC Boston. Get him near the lead on the back nine, or at least in the final hour of a tournament, and he's not going to back down.

What stood out from The Players, beyond his three birdies on the island-green 17th (two in a playoff) in one day, was his fearless and free swing when the pressure was at its peak. The 18th at the TPC Sawgrass is one of the toughest in golf, and Fowler split the middle twice in the final round.

Needing a birdie to win at Gullane No. 1 in the Scottish Open, he pounded his drive down the middle that set up birdie.

Clinging to a one-shot lead against Stenson on the par-5 18th, Fowler went with driver with a small margin of error because of the bunkers in the middle of the expansive fairway and trees to the left. He nailed it 341 yards, leaving him a 7-iron for his second shot.

"Luckily, there's just enough room down there in the neck. I hit it perfect. I made a great swing," Fowler said. "And it's nice to be able to look back at The Players and the Scottish Open and remember the drives

that I hit there to give me that little boost of confidence when I need it."

Stenson lost as much as Fowler won.

Whether he had the wrong club (7-iron) or hit it poorly, he came up short and left on a hole with water short and left.

"I obviously pulled the wrong club on 16 and was trying to get the most out of a 7-iron into the wind and ballooned that one a little bit and that was the crucial mistake. Making double there was really a killer," Stenson said. "I tried to get those two shots back or at least one to force a playoff on the last two holes and couldn't manage to do it."

Stenson now has finished runner-up in both FedEx Cup playoff events (he was six shots behind Day at The Barclays), and he has been runner-up four times this year.

The consolation was moving to No. 4 in the FedEx Cup behind Day, Spieth and Fowler, still in the mix for a \$10 million bonus at the Tour Championship.

Also still in the running are Hunter Mahan and William McGirt, both moving into the top 70 in the standings to advance to the third playoff event in two weeks. Mahan tied for fourth and kept alive his streak of playing every FedEx Cup playoff event since the series began in 2007. McGirt holed out with a 7-iron for eagle on the 17th hole, and that was enough to extend his season.

## Cespedes powers Mets past Nats to open key NL East set



**WASHINGTON (AP)**—

Yoenis Cespedes homered and doubled twice and David Wright hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning as the New York Mets downed the Washington National 8-5 to end their five-game winning streak Monday in the opener of a key NL East series.

Michael Conforto and Wilmer Flores also homered for New York, which increased its division lead to five games over the Nats with 25 remaining. The teams play twice more in this set.

### Yankees 8, Orioles 6

In New York, rookie Greg Bird hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off Brian Matusz in the seventh inning as New York rallied past reeling Baltimore.

Alex Rodriguez and John Ryan Murphy also homered for the Yankees (77-59), who overcame a 4-1 deficit and improved to 18 games over .500 for the first time since 2012. With his 29th home run this season, A-Rod got his 3,054th career hit and passed Rod Carew for sole possession of 22nd place.

### Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 4

In Boston, Jackie Bradley Jr. had four hits with a two-run home run and four RBIs, Rick Porcello pitched into the eighth inning as Boston outslugged AL

East-leading Toronto.

The Blue Jays lost for just the fourth time in 16 games. They had their lead atop the East sliced to a half game over the New York Yankees, who beat Baltimore 8-6.

Bradley added two singles and a double, and Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer for Boston, which posted its fourth straight win and eighth in 11 games.

### Cubs 9, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Dexter Fowler had a leadoff home run and two-run double in the first two innings and Dan Haren worked seven innings for Chicago in a win over St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals maintained a 5 1/2-game lead over Pittsburgh, which lost 3-1 to Cincinnati. The Cubs are 7 1/2 games back.

Addison Russell's three-run homer capped a five-run third that made it 8-0. The Cubs have won four in a row and got an 11-game trip off to a rocking start.

### Indians 3, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Ryan Raburn hit a pair of solo home runs and Trevor Bauer pitched two-hit ball for seven innings as Cleveland beat the White Sox, ending Chicago's four-game winning streak.

Raburn has eight multihomer games in his career, four of them against the White Sox. He con-

nected both times against Chris Sale (12-8) and is 10 for 33 with four home runs lifetime versus the lefty ace.

### Brewers 9, Marlins 1

In Miami, Hernan Perez had three hits and three RBIs and Zach Davies earned his first major league win as Milwaukee beat Miami.

Khris Davis homered and drove in two and Jonathan Lucroy had two doubles and knocked in a run for the Brewers, who have won seven of eight.

Davies (1-0) pitched seven innings, allowing one run and four hits in his second start. He struck out four.

### Reds 3, Pirates 1

In Cincinnati, Anthony DeSclafani pitched effectively into the eighth inning as Cincinnati took advantage of porous Pittsburgh defense to knock off the wild card leader in the opening of a three-game series.

DeSclafani (8-10) didn't allow a Pittsburgh baserunner past second base until the eighth. He didn't walk a batter in 7 1-3 innings, allowing seven hits with six strikeouts.

### Tigers 5, Rays 4

In Detroit, Rajai Davis homered twice in a game for the second time in his career as Detroit beat Tampa Bay.

With the temperature rising through the low 90s as the game progressed on a humid day, there were five homers, all to left field.

James McCann homered for the Tigers, connecting off former college batterymate Drew Smyly. Detroit won for just the fourth time in 17 games.

### Athletics 10, Astros 9

In Oakland, California, pinch-hitter Coco Crisp hit a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth after Oakland chased Mike Fiers as the Athletics beat division-leading Houston to end a five-game losing streak.

Fiers (2-1) allowed consecutive walks to start the inning before giving way to Josh Fields, who gave up Billy Butler's single to load the bases for Crisp.

Fiers pitched on eight days' rest in his second start since tossing a no-hitter against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Aug. 21 while throwing 134 pitches.

### Rockies 6, Padres 4

In San Diego, Kyle Kendrick pitched five innings and hit his first major league home run for Colorado.

Kendrick (5-12) allowed three runs, seven hits and two walks as the Rockies won for the first time in seven games at Petco Park.

John Axford, the seventh

Rockies pitcher, worked the ninth for his 20th save in 25 chances.

### Diamondbacks 6, Giants 1

In Phoenix, Patrick Corbin threw six scoreless innings, Phil Gosselin and A.J. Pollock homered as Arizona ended a four-game losing streak.

Corbin (5-3), who missed all last season following Tommy John surgery, scattered six hits, struck out five with no walks and had an RBI single.

Gosselin's three-run shot was his second home run since being activated from the 60-day disabled list (fractured left thumb) eight days earlier.

### Rangers 3, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Adrian Beltre lined a two-run, bases-loaded single in the sixth inning as Texas ended Seattle's season-best five-game winning streak.

The Rangers' go-ahead rally began with Delino DeShields drawing a one-out walk from Roenis Elias (4-8). Shin-Soo Choo followed with a single to center, and Elias then hit Prince Fielder with a pitch, loading the bases.

Beltre worked a full count, then punched a fastball to right, scoring DeShields and Choo.

### Braves 7, Phillies 2

In Atlanta, Atlanta ended its 12-

game losing streak behind the hitting of Hector Olivera and the pitching of Williams Perez.

The smallest crowd in the 12-year history of Citizens Bank Park—15,125—saw the Braves stop their worst skid since 1988.

Atlanta also had lost 13 straight on the road since defeating the Phillies on Aug. 2.

### Twins 6, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Tommy Milone pitched seven effective innings and Eduardo Escobar reached base four times and drove in three runs for Minnesota.

The Royals have been outscored 31-9 in dropping four straight, matching their longest losing streak of the season.

Milone (8-4) held the Royals to six hits and two runs, while striking out four and walking one.

### Dodgers 7, Angels 5

In Anaheim, California, Scott Van Slyke had four hits and drove in four runs, and Zack Greinke pitched six innings of seven-hit ball for the Dodgers.

Pinch-hitter Justin Ruggero had a two-run double as the Dodgers opened the Freeway Series with their seventh straight victory over their Orange County rivals.

Although Greinke (16-3) saw his majors-best ERA rise to 1.68 after giving up homers to C.J. Cron and Kole Calhoun, the right-hander still earned his 11th win in 13 starts.



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# SEDA honors last season's top teams



The top performers of the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 season were honored last week in the league's awards banquet held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Leading the list of champions were three teams each that were sponsored by Jokers Bar and Grill, Sand Juvy Restaurant, and TDI Summit Auto Shop.

The Sand Juvy TDI Summit led the list of champions in the regular season when it ruled the Masters division. The Pasawayz (Tuesday B) and Vicious Darties (Ladies) were the other division champions backed by Sand Juvy.

Jokers duplicated Sand Juvy's feat with the Latte Sparts (Fanihi B), Darty Flight (Chichirika C), and Spartans (Kingfisher C) ruling their respective divisions. Darty Flight team captain



Pete Lizama's season-long performance helped his squad clinch the Chichirika C crown and earned him a promotion to

the B division along with Spartans counterpart Harlan Reyes, and teammates Jun Santos, Melvin Aldan, Steven Igisaiar,

and Rusty Santos.

The Route 33 Mafia and the Jonny's Kyodai were the other division champions in the A Di-

**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Members of the Sand Juvy TDI Summit celebrate their win in Masters division of last season's Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association.

vision and Flame Tree B.

Sand Juvy Shoot Balut (Masters) Naked Fish Ridin' Darty (A Division), Jokers Atarashi Boyz (Tuesday B), Sands National Alamo Car Rental (Fanihi B), Naked Fish Oneshot (Flame Tree B), Jokers Tokers (Chichirika C), Route 33 Dart Knights (Kingfisher C), and the Abyss Certified Pasawayz (Ladies) finished second in each of their divisions.

Jokers Destroyers (Masters), Smoke Pub Voyagers (A Division), Smoke Pub Titans (Tuesday B), Route 33 Mixblood Shooters (Fanihi B), Naked Fish Ridin' Darty (Flame Tree B), Abyss DNA Jump It (Chichirika C), and Sand Juvy Try Luck

(Ladies) were the third placers. The Sand Juvy Predators came in fourth in the A Division.

The Sand Juvy Vicious Darties (Ladies), Jokers Spartans (Kingfisher C), Jokers Darty Flight (Chichirika C), Jonny's Kyodai (Flame Tree B), Jokers Latte Sparts (Fanihi B), Jokers Atarashi Boyz (Tuesday B), Smoke Pub Voyagers (A Division), and Jokers Destroyers (Masters) were the Bud Light Cup champion teams.

Sand Juvy squads Pythons (Masters), No Fear (A Division), and Dabarkads (Tuesday B) led the list of Sportsmanship awardees.

The Oleai Team Fearless (Fanihi B), Jonny's Real Deal (Flame Tree B), Blue Koi (Chichirika C), Smoke Pub High Flyers (Kingfisher C), and Jokers Kitty Kats (Ladies) were the other recipients of top awards.

## Murray's major QF streak ends with US Open loss to Anderson

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Andy Murray watched a 130 mph ace zoom by to create a two-set deficit at the U.S. Open, and then sat in his changeover chair and cursed at himself, over and over and over.

A little later, Murray cracked his racket against the court once, breaking the frame, and went to the sideline and mangled his equipment even more, before meandering over to hand it to someone in the stands.

Often able to spur himself by letting out some anger, the two-time Grand Slam title winner only briefly managed to get into

this match. The third-seeded Murray lost before the quarterfinals at a major for the first time since 2010, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0) by 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

"Disappointing to lose because of that," Murray said about his earlier-than-usual exit. "Obviously that's many years' work that's gone into building that sort of consistency."

For the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Anderson, known mainly

for a booming serve but terrific off the ground in this 4-hour, 18-minute victory, it marked a real breakthrough: He entered with an 0-7 record in fourth-round matches at majors, including

when he had a two-set lead against Novak Djokovic before losing at Wimbledon two months ago. This time, Anderson held it together, with the help of 25 aces and 81 total winners.

"I'm a little lost for words

right now," said Anderson, who will face two-time major champion Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals.

"I just managed to keep my composure throughout."

Murray, meanwhile, reached at least the quarters at his previous 18 Grand Slam tournaments, a streak that included championships at the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013, along with four runner-up finishes. His last loss this soon also hap-



pened in New York, in the third round five years ago.

Roger Federer also pulled off a shutout in a tiebreaker Monday, doing so in a 7-6 (0), 7-6 (6), 7-5 victory against big-serving No. 13 John Isner. According to the ATP, Isner had never been beaten 7-0 in 428 previous official, tour-level tiebreakers.

With Isner gone, and 68th-ranked American Donald Young eliminated 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Wawrinka earlier Monday, it's the 16th Grand Slam tournament in a row with zero men from the U.S. in the quarterfinals.

Isner had his chances against Federer, six times standing two points from evening the match at a set apiece. But Federer was masterful down the stretch in that tiebreaker, winning one point by returning a 140 mph serve before smacking a forehand passing winner, then using a forehand return winner off a 128 mph serve to earn a set point he converted with a backhand down the line.

Federer broke in the last game, ending Isner's streak of 110 service holds in a row at the U.S. Open, dating to the start of last year's tournament.

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made it to the quarterfinals of both the singles and doubles competitions. She teamed up with Fiji's Lorraine Banimataku in the doubles event. Minor and company qualified to the nationals despite having the least number of players in the field. The Dan O'Connell-coached Broncos had only four players last season with the Federated States of Micronesia's Amanda Hawkins and Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene completing the short-handed squad.

The Broncos will start the fall season with another depleted crew, but help is on the way in the spring.

"We will be expecting two more players from Ghana and Zimbabwe in the spring so I think we have a very good chance of making it to the nationals again," said Minor, who has been joining the school's cross country team in its training sessions to prepare for the upcoming season.

"When not playing tennis, the women's team is training with the cross country squad to get fit," the Saipan Southern High School graduate said.

She added that members of Broncos' tennis squad have been engaged in challenge matches to determine who gets to play No. 1 and No. 2 in singles.

Meanwhile, Minor and her teammates are heading to Ca-hoon Park Tennis Courts in

Roswell this weekend to compete in the Southeastern New Mexico Tournament set for Sept. 12 and 13. From Roswell, the group will travel to Hobbs to duel University of Southwest on Sept. 15, while the squad's last tournament for this month will be the ITA Fall Regionals scheduled from Sept. 25 to 27 in Tyler, Texas.

Next month, the Broncos will play at home for the Gene Hardman Invitational, which is slated for Oct. 2 and 3. For their last two tournaments in October, O'Connell's crew will play away matches in Plano Texas with the Broncos battling Henderson State first on Oct. 15 before participating in the Collin Country Invitational on Oct. 16 and 17.

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bined for 34 points. Cabanas chipped in 15, while Hernandez also broke into double figures with his 11, and Fernando added 8. Arman Anasan and Joel Saplan were the other scorers for Red Rice, contributing 5 and 2, respectively.

As usual, Lerio Pagarao led Eh Di Wow's another losing cause, as he fired 20 points and was the only double-figure scorer for his team.

With only Pagarao burning

the hoops for Eh Di Wow, Red Rice managed to dominate the match right from the get-go as Barbo and company hit their marks early. Barbo scored 10 points in the first half, while Cabanas and Hernandez totaled for 15 to lift Red Rice to a 41-24 halftime advantage.

In the second half, Barbo managed to hit two more baskets, while Cabanas and Hernandez knocked in one field goal apiece before the game was halted at the 10:24 mark due to darkness.

Eh Di Wow outgunned Red

Rice, 13-8, in the first nine minutes and change of the second half behind the 6 straight markers of Pagarao to move within 12. However, when the game resumed last weekend, it was still an all Pagarao show for Eh Di Wow, while Barbo matched his output and drew some help from other Red Rice players to barge into the win column.

Meanwhile, Red Rice played back-to-back games last Sunday, but its showdown against Hard Kulangot (2-1) was suspended due to the lack of light

at the Navy Hill Court.

Hard Kulangot was clinging to a 1-point lead, 25-24, when the match was stopped at the 16:50 mark of the second half.

J.R. Barrios broke into double figures early, as he has scored 12 points to give Hard Kulangot a shaky lead. Fernando and Barbo kept Red Rice afloat, as they have tallied 11 and 9 markers, respectively.

The continuation of the Red Rice-Hard Kulangot tiff will be rescheduled once all nine teams have completed four

games each, while action in the league will resume today with Makaloro Lang facing Oh My J at 5:30pm. Makaloro Lang is alone at the top spot of the team standings with its 3-0 record, while Oh My J has a 1-1 slate.

**Red Rice 62** – Barbo 21, Cabanas 15, Hernandez 11, Fernando 8, Anasan 5, Saplan 2.

**Eh Di Wow 54** – Pagarao 20, Santos 9, J. Reyes 7, Cortez 6, A. Reyes 6, Espinosa 4, Itaas 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 41-21, 62-54.

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#### AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	78	59	.569	—
New York	77	59	.566	½
Tampa Bay	67	70	.489	11
Baltimore	65	72	.474	13
Boston	65	72	.474	13

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	82	55	.599	—
Minnesota	71	66	.518	11
Cleveland	67	69	.493	14½
Chicago	65	71	.478	16½
Detroit	63	74	.460	19

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	63	.543	—
Texas	72	64	.529	2
Los Angeles	69	68	.504	5½
Seattle	66	72	.478	9
Oakland	59	79	.428	16

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	61	.555	—
Washington	71	66	.518	5
Miami	57	81	.413	19½
Atlanta	55	83	.399	21½
Philadelphia	53	85	.384	23½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	87	50	.635	—
Pittsburgh	81	55	.596	5½
Chicago	79	57	.581	7½
Milwaukee	61	76	.445	26
Cincinnati	57	79	.419	29½

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	79	58	.577	—
San Francisco	71	67	.514	8½
Arizona	66	72	.478	13½
San Diego	65	73	.471	14½
Colorado	57	80	.416	22

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## Thea eyes return trip to nationals

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**F**ormer CNMI junior tennis player Thea Minor is aiming for another stint in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 National Championships as she starts her sophomore season with the New Mexico Military Institute this fall.

"My personal goal is to aim for the one and two positions (singles) and for the team to go back to the nationals with a stronger squad," said Minor.

The 20-year-old player was one of the NMMI's singles players last year and



had a productive rookie season with the Broncos. She helped NMMI gain the No. 12 national rankings, allowing the Broncos to enter the nationals, which was held in Tucson, Arizona.

In the nationals, Minor

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Thea Minor, second left, joins her New Mexico Military Institute teammates and coach Dan O'Connell for a group photo during a break in their training session in Roswell, New Mexico.

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### Red Rice gets first victory



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Red Rice's Darwin Barbo pulls up for a short jumper in an earlier game against Pasion De Amor in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging at the Navy Hill court.

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Darwin Barbo picked up where he left off, towing Red Rice to a 62-54 win over Eh Di Wow at the resumption of their match in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.

Barbo, who had scored 14 points when Red Rice's

game versus Eh Di Wow last Wednesday was suspended due to the unplayable court with his team ahead, 49-37, added 7 more markers to finish off their winless opponent. Red Rice got its first win after dropping its first two games, while Eh Di Wow's losing skid was extended to four.

Mike Cabanas, Danray Hernandez, and Angelo Fernando backed Barbo up, as they com-

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## White: Hoping for better results in '17 Mini Games

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Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael A. White is a bit disappointed that CNMI athletes failed to win any medal in the XV Pacific Games held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea last July 4 to 18.

White, however, expressed optimism that local athletes will bounce back in 2017 when Vanuatu hosts the 10th edition of the Pacific Mini Games in Port Vila.

"I am disappointed that we did not win any medals. [But] our athletes know what they need to do to become competitive—the answer is increased commitment—and I'm hoping for improved results at the 2017 Mini Games," said White in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

White added that despite failing to clinch a podium finish, local athletes tried very hard in competing against the region's top and well-funded sports programs.

"However, I know that most of our athletes put in a great deal of effort and personal sacrifice," White said.

CNMI sent a 35-member delegation and Commonwealth athletes competed in athletics, beach volleyball, bodybuilding,

golf, sailing, swimming, triathlon, and va'a.

White also praised the efforts of CNMI athletes especially veteran swimmer Victoria Chentsova, who missed a podium finish twice.

"We did have some outstanding personal performances, particularly Victoria Chentsova, who

had two fourth-place finishes," he added.

Beo Ngirchongor made it to the semifinals of the 200-meter run after finishing third overall in the second heat with 24.29 seconds. He failed to advance in the finals as only the Top 8 advanced.

Ngirchongor, who won the

400m hurdles and 400m run gold medals in last year's Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, also finished 15th out of 20 runners in the 400m run with a time of 54.57 seconds.

He also ran in the 400m hurdles at the Sir John Guise Stadium where he finished fourth in his heat with a time of 1:0615.

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CNMI athletes will have less than two years left to prepare for the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Photo above shows the flags of nations that participated in this year's edition of the Games in Papua New Guinea outside the athletes' village.